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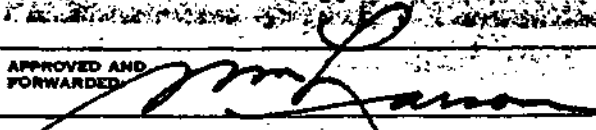
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REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 2/15/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/12/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. E. DONALDSON
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. #1201; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>G. H. Bastien at Ann Arbor, Michigan, advises his wife, Corrine, is a girlhood friend of Mrs. Lee Cady and that the Cady's visited them at Ann Arbor in 1932. Bastien claims not to know Galatas but willing to cooperate with Division in this investigation.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Detroit, Michigan, January 23, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: AT ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN</p> <p>Mr. G. H. Bastien, who is employed as telegraph editor for the Ann Arbor Daily News, informed agent that his wife, who was formerly Corrine Rice, was a girlhood friend of Mrs. Lee Cady. That they were raised together in Kent County, Dresden, Ontario, which is near Hamilton, Ontario. Further, that Mrs. Bastien has kept in general touch with Mrs. Cady during these years and, in the summer of 1932, Mr. and Mrs. Cady passed through Ann Arbor and visited at the Bastien home.</p> <p>DETAILS: Mr. Bastien states that he does not know Galatas and, in fact, never heard anything of him until very recently when Mrs. Bastien learned through some relatives in Canada that some sort of a search was on in an effort to locate Galatas as he was mixed up in some crime somewhere.</p> <p>He also says that during a very recent visit to Ontario, he heard that some time last summer Galatas and his wife, Betty, drove through Canada and stopped at the home of Mrs. Russell Wells at Dresden, Ontario, and</p>			
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on that particular day Mr. and Mrs. Cady were also visiting there. That Galatas was driving a big car and did not come in and further that Mr. Cady did not go out to the car as it was understood there was some difference between him and Galatas. It seems that Galatas and his wife did not stop but a few minutes and their destination was not known at the time.

Informant says that, from all he can learn, Cady has considerable dislike for Galatas due to some dealings in the past.

He also states that Mrs. Galatas has a sister, Annie, who is now the wife of Clifford McKaig, an employee of the Ford Motor Company at Walkerville, Ontario. This family lives at Belle River, near Walkerville.

There is another married sister whose maiden name was Lena McFadden but her married name is not known to Mr. Bastien or his wife and they are of the opinion that these people live somewhere in the South, possibly Tennessee, but he has no definite information as to their location.

Elsie McFadden, sister to Mrs. Galatas, is now the wife of L. H. Cady.

Mr. Bastien states that he has never seen Galatas and, in fact, never heard of him until very recently. He was shown Identification Order 1201 and, on viewing the photograph thereon, said that he positively had never seen this man.

He appeared very cooperative and friendly and informed agent that he would have no hesitancy whatever in advising the Detroit Office very promptly of any information which may come to him concerning the whereabouts of Galatas.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri.**

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REPORT MADE AT: Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-3-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-22-34 to 2-3-34	REPORT MADE BY: C. D. White
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALTAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE I. O. #1201; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ENDAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Constant surveillance for ten-day period maintained over the homes of Mrs. Ida Galatas and Hugh Martin of Long Beach and the home of Harold F. Scheufler of Los Angeles; incoming and outgoing mail, telephone conversations, bank accounts, Western Union, Postal Telegraph, Railway Express Agency records checked. Mrs. Galatas and Luther Raines interviewed. No information of value obtained relative to the present whereabouts of Subject Galatas.</p>			
REFERENCE: <p>Report of Special Agent Dwight Brantley, Detroit, Michigan, January 23, 1934.</p>			
DETAILS: <p>On January 22nd, 1934, telephonic communication was received from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, who contacted the Los Angeles Division Office from Detroit, Michigan, advising that information obtained by him and Special Agent Anderson at New York City indicated that Subject GALATAS was contacting his mother at Long Beach, and requested that the home of Mrs. GALATAS at Long Beach be kept under surveillance for twenty-four hours a day, and that arrangements be made with Post Office Officials at Long Beach for the scrutiny of all incoming and outgoing mail, first and</p>			
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second class at the home of Mrs. GALATAS. It was further requested that efforts be made to ascertain whether or not Mrs. GALATAS was cashing any Postal Money Orders or Railway Express Money Orders, and that the telegraph agencies be contacted in an effort to determine whether Mrs. GALATAS is being contacted through those offices. A further request was made that steps be taken to ascertain where Mrs. GALATAS does her banking. Information was also received that the brother-in-law of Subject GALATAS, namely HAROLD SCHEUFLER, was alleged to reside at 4223 Garden Homes Avenue, Los Angeles, and employed in some capacity by the CWA at that place. Mrs. BRANTLEY requested that surveillance be maintained at the home of Mr. SCHEUFLER and that the mail at that address be covered.

In accordance with the telephonic request above set out, Special Agents Albert Miller and W. M. Bott of the Los Angeles Division Office ascertained that HAROLD SCHEUFLER resided at the address indicated above. Surveillance maintained over the SCHEUFLER home and investigation conducted disclosed that SCHEUFLER and his wife, LENA A. SCHEUFLER, and five minor children ranging in age from one to ten years, reside at the above address. The home consists of a modest cottage in a small, secluded settlement on the outskirts of Los Angeles, the home not being equipped with a telephone. Further investigation disclosed that there are approximately ten small cottages on Garden Homes Avenue in the immediate vicinity of the SCHEUFLER residence; and that the SCHEUFLERS are apparently on intimate terms with their neighbors. They drive a 1929 four-door Nash Sedan, six-cylinder, Motor No. 123974, Serial No. B-124150, bearing 1934 California license No. 8-P-3210. Information with respect to the car in question was obtained as a result of arrangements made through Post Office Inspector Gline for observation of mail going to the SCHEUFLER residence, said information being reflected on the registration card issued to SCHEUFLER.

The daily activities of the SCHEUFLER family are briefly as follows:

About 8:30 each morning three of the SCHEUFLER children leave home to walk to the public school approximately a mile distance from the home; between 9:30 and 11:00 A. M., Mr. and Mrs. SCHEUFLER usually go to the public markets located on Huntington Drive to make small purchases of food; and in many instances while on this particular trip they would take their infant child to the public health clinic located at 6100 North Broadway, Los Angeles, for treatment. Contact with the clinic failed to disclose any information except that people are permitted to bring their children to the clinic for physical examination by the city doctors. At 11:00 A. M., daily, SCHEUFLER, accompanied by two men neighbors, would leave the SCHEUFLER home in the latter's car and drive to a CWA Project on Monterey Boulevard about five miles distant from the SCHEUFLER residence, where the men are engaged in manual labor until 5:00 P. M., at which time SCHEUFLER and his neighbors would return to their homes. The family usually retired between ten and eleven P. M., and from the observation maintained over the home it appeared they received no visitors.

SCHUEFLER appears to be about 38 years of age; 5'11" tall; to weigh about 170 lbs.; has dark complexion; is raw-boned; wears high topped boots, soft hat and a sweater.

Mrs. SCHUEFLER appears to be 35 years of age; has dark hair and dark eyes, dark complexion; is 5'6" tall and weighs 160 lbs.

From observation of the family it is obvious that they are in straitened circumstances.

In compliance with request made with respect to the bank records, all of the banking institutions in Long Beach, California, were contacted by Special Agent (A) J. F. HYNES for the purpose of ascertaining if accounts were carried under any of the following names:

IDA MAY GALATAS
ELIZABETH GALATAS
LUTHER RAINES
ANGELINA RAINES
HUGH M. MARTIN
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with known aliases.

It was ascertained that a term savings account No. 2560 was opened on July 30, 1932, in the name of RICHARD or ELIZABETH GALATAS at the Hill and Atlantic Streets Branch of the Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California. The account was opened with a deposit of ten dollars and the present balance is \$34.03, the last deposit having been made on December 17, 1932, the last withdrawal as of February 1, 1933.

Mr. A. C. HOLLENSTEINER, Manager of the above branch, exhibited the signature card in connection with the account, same bearing the signatures of RICHARD and ELIZABETH GALATAS. A photostat of the signature card was made by the Bank and same was forwarded to the Division, inasmuch as the handwriting is somewhat different from the handwriting of Subject as found on Division Identification Order No. 1201. Mr. HOLLENSTEINER advised that the photograph of Subject carried on the above referred to Identification Order is a good likeness of the man who signed the signature card, stating that he recalled the incident clearly because at the time Subject GALATAS gave as a banking reference the First National Bank of Montgomery, Alabama, but the bank mentioned, in answer to an inquiry made by HOLLENSTEINER, advised they could give no information concerning Subject. Mr. HOLLENSTEINER placed a "STOP" sign in the files of the bank concerning this account and promised to telephone the Los Angeles Division Office immediately if any activity occurred in the account.

It was ascertained at the First and Pine Streets Branch of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles, Long Beach, California, that a small commercial account was opened in the name of LUTHER RAINES in February, 1932, and closed in December of that year; that a term savings account No. 219793 in the name of HUGH M. MARTIN was opened at the Branch on October 10, 1932, the last deposit, in the amount of \$20.00, was made on January 27, 1933, the account having a present balance of \$1.01.

Mr. R. E. JENNINGS of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, located at 302 Pine Avenue, Long Beach, advised that a checking account was opened at that bank in the name of L. RAINES on June 20, 1933, with a deposit of \$95.00, said deposit consisting of a check in the amount of \$100.00, from which a five-dollar deduction was made in cash. The check in question was drawn on the Pershing Square Branch of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles. Other deposits to the account were made as follows:

7-26-33	Check for \$105.00 less cash of \$20.00	Net	\$25.00
9-11-33	" " 112.00	"	22.00
9-26-33	" " 105.00	"	10.00
11-10-33	" " 110.00	"	19.00

The deposit tickets covering the above-listed deposits do not carry information whereby the checks could be identified, but Mr. JENNINGS advised that the tellers stated that the same consisted of pay checks from an oil company.

Mr. J. S. DUTTON, Bank of America, National Trust & Savings Association, Fourth and Pine Streets Branch, Long Beach, advised that neither that branch nor any of the four other branches of the Bank of America at Long Beach carries any accounts in the names of the above.

Mr. P. SCHUMACHER of the First and Pine Branch of the Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, advised that the Fourth and Cherry Branch of the said bank located in Long Beach, California, carried no accounts with the above-named relatives of Subject.

Similar information was obtained from Mr. E. BAREE of the California National Bank located at First and Pine Streets, Long Beach, California, and from Mr. FRED W. CLEVELAND of the Citizens State Bank, Fourth and American Avenues, Long Beach, California.

Further investigation at the Farmers and Merchants Bank and Western Trust and Savings Bank, Long Beach, California, through R. E. JENNINGS and J. L. REED, respectively, failed to disclose any record of accounts of the above.

It was ascertained that the Seaside National Bank, located at 223 East Broadway, Long Beach, California, went into receivership in February of 1932; that the Farmers and Merchants Trust Company was an affiliate of the Farmers and Merchants Bank and that the same did not carry any checking or savings accounts with the general public.

The foregoing mentioned banks constitute all of the banks in Long Beach, California, as listed in the Telephone Directory for Long Beach and in the Key to the Numerical System of American Bankers Association piled by Rand and McNally.

Investigation in the vicinity of the premises occupied by Mr. and Mrs. LUTHER RAINES and Mrs. GALATAS, mother of Subject, disclosed a vacancy at 1805 South Pasadena Avenue, on which premises is located the four-apartment frame structure dwelling facing East, overlooking the premises of 524 East State Street, Long Beach, affording an excellent view of the State Street premises, above-described. An apartment was secured at this South Pasadena address above referred to, on January 21st, 1934, arrangements being made by the writer through Mr. C. E. JOHNSON, Assistant to the Operating Vice-President of the Associated Telephone Company, Long Beach, California, previously mentioned in the instant file, for telephone arrangements and equipment whereby the conversations emanating from and coming to the State street premises could be overheard.

The above surveillance was maintained from January 22nd to January 31st, 1934, inclusive. It was immediately ascertained that individuals occupying the premises at 524 State Street, Long Beach, were Mr. and Mrs. LUTHER RAINES, their two children, RICHARD, and a younger child, name undetermined; and Mrs. GALATAS.

The premises in the rear of 524, namely 524 1/2 East State Street, there being a small bungalow on the same lot on which the RAINES' home is located, are occupied by Mrs. WINIFRED ANDREWS. Through arrangements made with Post Office Inspector Gline for observation of the incoming and outgoing mail of the above address, it was ascertained that Mrs. ANDREWS is a subject of the County Welfare, the rent for the premises being paid by that organization in the amount of fifteen dollars a month.

A similar observation of the premises at 1827 East Tenth St., the home of Mr. and Mrs. HUGH M. MARTIN, disclosed that these premises are occupied by the above named persons and their two children, names undetermined. Mrs. MARTIN, as previously mentioned in the instant file, is operating a beauty parlor in the front portion of the house in question.

With respect to the activities of the RAINES family and Mrs. GALATAS, it was immediately observed that 1933 Willys-Knight Sedan, bearing 1933 California license No. 4-P-7709, entered and left the premises at 524 East State Street on numerous occasions during the first day of the surveillance maintained.

Through the Sheriff's Office Registration Division, it was ascertained that the car in question was registered to L. RAINES at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California; the legal owner, Commercial Credit Corporation of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Inquiry on the part of the writer at Long Beach disclosed that the account in question was carried at the Long Beach Branch, located in the Pacific Southwest Building, Long Beach, California.

Mr. G. DRUMBY, manager of the above branch, upon interview, and after it was determined by the writer that he was a warm personal friend of former Special Agent Gaffrey, advised that the car in question was purchased on October 15, 1933, from a Willys-Knight dealer, K. W. WOODY, 925 East Anaheim Street, the basis of the deal being a trade-in of a used car; allowance \$140.00, the balance to be paid at the rate of \$26.00 per month, payments to be made on the 15th day of each month to the above-named dealer. Mr. DRUMBY further advised that Mr. K. W. WOODY is a personal friend of his and a reliable citizen.

Inquiry through Mr. WOODY disclosed that his records reflect LUTHER RAINES as being employed in the capacity of driller at the Allied Petroleum Company Fields, Long Beach, California, at a salary of \$220.00 a month, having been in the employ of that concern for the past six years; that the sale was consummated on the show-room floor of the above concern by LUTHER RAINES and his wife, Mrs. GALATAS not appearing in the transaction in any respect; that subsequent payments have been made in cash by LUTHER RAINES, no checks having been received to date on the unpaid balance of \$390.00. Mr. WOODY, in this connection, advised that should any checks of a nature which might be of interest to the Division be received for payment on the car in question, same would be held by him and the Los Angeles office immediately notified.

Further observation of the premises by the writer and Special Agent (A) J. F. HINES, and ALBERT MILLER, disclosed that LUTHER RAINES would leave the premises each evening at approximately 10:30 P. M., and proceed to the Allied Petroleum Company's location at Long Beach, returning the following morning to the above premises at approximately 8:30 A. M., remaining on the premises during the entire day with the possible exception of two or three occasions when he took the car in question to the garage for service or went to the store.

With respect to Mrs. GALATAS, she was observed to have left the premises on only one occasion in company with Mrs. RAINES and the two children, upon which occasion they drove to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN, 1827 East Tenth Street, remained for a short period of time and returned to the East State Street address.

From the conversations overheard, Mrs. RAINES is an active Church worker and her time is more or less occupied during the day with these activities in the furtherance of Church socials, etc. Considerable telephonic communication transpires between the RAINES and MARTIN families, and particularly between Mrs. GALATAS and Mrs. MARTIN, who appears to be as between ANGELINA and Mrs. RAINES, the favorite daughter of Mrs. GALATAS despite the fact that Mrs. GALATAS is residing at the RAINES home. This deduction is made in view of telephone conversations between Mrs. GALATAS and Mrs. MARTIN in the absence of Mrs. RAINES. It would appear that the relations as between Mrs. GALATAS and Mrs. RAINES are somewhat strained due to conversation overheard on one occasion when Mrs. RAINES called Mrs. MARTIN, requesting her to come to the State Street premises immediately, in view of the fact that Mrs. GALATAS was packing her effects and was going

to leave. Mrs. MARTIN, on this occasion, hurriedly proceeded to the State Street premises and after remaining approximately two hours, returned to her residence and called at frequent intervals thereafter on the day in question, inquiring as to the situation at the RAINES home as it existed between Mrs. GALATAS and the RAINES family.

It should be noted that the telephone service used by the RAINES family is a four-party line connection. It is believed that in view of this, conversations conducted between the members of the two respective families are very guarded with respect to anything which might relate to the matter at hand. No conversations at any time related in any way to Subject, his activities, whereabouts or participation in the Kansas City massacre.

At the inception of the surveillance of the premises, above described, arrangements were immediately made with Postal Telegraph and Western Union officials at Long Beach for scrutiny of any telegraphic communications going to or emanating from the above premises. It was ascertained by the writer that said surveillance has been continuously in effect since the last surveillance conducted by the writer at Long Beach, as reflected in the writer's previous report, describing such activities.

Similar arrangements were made through Inspector E. Gline of the Post Office Department for any activity on the part of the above-named through the Money Order Department of the Long Beach Post Office.

With respect to the possible transmission of funds through the Railway Express Agency, Special Agent E. J. Geehan interviewed Mr. J. WORTHINGTON, Superintendent of the Southern California Division of the Railway Express Agency, who advised that it would be practically impossible to trace any Express Money Orders, which Mrs. GALATAS might receive from Subject, stating that at Long Beach and other cities a very small percentage of money orders is cashed at the Railway Express office, the majority being cashed at banks and stores, and these do not clear through the Los Angeles division office, but go to New York, the main office of the American Express; that the Long Beach and Los Angeles offices do not have any record of these; that the money orders cashed at the agency office in Long Beach are sent to Los Angeles, thence forwarded to New York; and the only record kept in the Los Angeles office is the amount of each order so cleared (no record of name of sender or addressee). The officials of the Los Angeles agency are not familiar with the system in vogue in the New York office of recording cancelled money orders, except they know the date is based principally upon the number of the order and the name of the issuing office.

With respect to Mrs. WINIFRED ANDREWS, occupying the cottage in the rear of 524 East State Street, which is 524 1/2 East State Street, the writer again contacted Captain MURPHY, Long Beach Police Department, previously mentioned in the instant file, who is the only officer of the Long Beach Police Department contacted with respect to the instant matter. He was requested to ascertain which worker of the Welfare Bureau was contacting Mrs. ANDREWS, whether or not the worker in question was reliable and whether or not that worker, if reliable, could advise as to the reliability of Mrs. ANDREWS.

This contact was made in view of the fact that during the period of observation and from telephone conversations overheard, Mrs. ANDREWS frequently entered the premises at 524 East State Street and on numerous occasions used the telephone at those premises, upon which occasions she could be overheard exchanging intimacies with the RAINES family and Mrs. GALATAS while waiting for the party called to answer the telephone, it being obvious that if the cooperation of Mrs. ANDREWS could be secured she would be in an excellent position to observe the actions of the RAINES family, and particularly Mrs. GALATAS; the comings and goings of individuals from the RAINES home, and particularly, whether or not Mrs. GALATAS left the premises for any period of time or was contacted by Subject GALATAS.

In this respect, Captain MURPHY advised that he ascertained that the worker calling on Mrs. ANDREWS was one Mrs. KEIFER, whose first name and initials were unknown to him; that Mrs. KEIFER has, in the past, worked with him, Captain MURPHY, on other matters of a similar nature; that he has found her to be capable, highly intelligent and absolutely trustworthy; that upon contacting Mrs. KEIFER he learned that she was on exceptionally friendly terms with Mrs. ANDREWS, whom Mrs. KEIFER considers reliable and trustworthy in view of the fact that Mrs. KEIFER likewise had used Mrs. ANDREWS in a similar capacity. Arrangements are at present in force, whereby should any information of value be obtained through the above channel, same will be immediately imparted to the Los Angeles Division Office by Captain MURPHY.

The observation maintained of the MARTIN residence with respect to the activities of that family disclosed that they remain chiefly to themselves, have no visitors other than women coming to the beauty shop; and that Mr. MARTIN never was observed leaving the premises, probably due to his defective eyesight, as previously mentioned, and Mrs. MARTIN leaving the premises only on occasions when visiting the RAINES family and Mrs. GALATAS.

The writer contacted the carrier, namely, Mr. A. B. Philbrick, who delivers mail to the State Street premises, and requested that any or all mail taken by him from the mail box of the State Street address for mailing be held until such time as proper observation of the mail in question could be made. Mr. PHILBRICK, in this connection, advised that he was unable to recall any occasion upon which he took mail from the mail box for the purpose of mailing, but that in the event such occasion arose he would comply with the request made. Mr. PHILBRICK further advised that he makes two deliveries a day and that he has not, on any occasion, observed any other individuals residing at the State Street address, other than as set out above.

With respect to mail going to the State Street address, the following information was received from Inspector GLINE:

A card addressed to Mrs. I. M. GALATAS at 420 East 21st Street, forwarded from that address to 524 East State Street, postmarked 1-20-34, was returned with a notation evidently made by someone at 524 East State Street "Not here". The card in question was from Dr. L. H. JOSEPH, optician

256 South Broadway, Los Angeles, advising Mrs. GALATAS that her eyes were tested on May 3, 1931, and should be examined again.

The above is set out as a matter of interest to be followed specifically with respect to other mail addressed to Mrs. GALATAS to determine whether or not she is placing herself on record as receiving mail at the above address.

Mr. CLINE further advised that on January 26th Mrs. L. RAINES mailed two letters to the following individuals:

Mrs. NETTIE TOWNSEND, R. F. D., No. 4, Lynnville, Tennessee;
Mrs. FRANK LEACH, Hotel Skirven, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

With respect to the Townsend letter, it will be left to the discretion of the Kansas City office as to any action to be taken at that place; as relative to the Leach letter sent to Oklahoma City, Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin of the Oklahoma City office was telephonically communicated with and the result of the investigation conducted by that office is reflected in letter emanating therefrom over the signature of SAC R. H. Colvin, February 3rd, 1934, copies of which are designated for the Division and Kansas City Office. The attention of the Division and Kansas City Office is directed to the reference made by Mr. Colvin to "RICHARD". In this connection it is stated that from telephone conversations overheard by the writer, Mrs. RAINES frequently discussed with Mrs. MARTIN the fact that she, Mrs. RAINES, and RICHARD, her son, were both suffering from bad colds. The reference to RICHARD as recited in the letter set out in the communication from SAC R. H. COLVIN apparently refers to the son, RICHARD, and not the subject of the instant file.

With respect to mail received by the MARTIN family, one communication was addressed to KITTY SULLIVAN, 1827 East Tenth Street, from the Marr Oil Corporation, 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey.

During the dictation of the report at hand the writer received a telephone communication from Inspector Cline, advising that a letter had been delivered to Mrs. I. M. GALATAS at 524 East State Street from 4402 Hall Street, Dallas, Texas. Receipt of this letter on the part of Mrs. GALATAS would indicate that she is receiving mail at the above address.

During the period of surveillance and with reference to the request in referenced report [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the writer conferred with Lieutenant-Detective J. L. James, Los Angeles Police Department, especially assigned and detailed to the race-track at Caliente, he being the only representative of any law or investigative agency at the Caliente track, [REDACTED]. It might be stated in this connection that Lt. JAMES bears an enviable reputation as an officer who is particularly acquainted with the criminal element, and particularly that element which frequents race tracks. [REDACTED]

Lt. JAMES was furnished with an Identification Order concerning Subject GALATAS. [REDACTED]

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conducted by the Los Angeles Division Office.

On January 31st, 1934, after a conference with SAC J. E. P. DUNE, and in view of the former interview conducted by the writer with Mrs. GALATAS, it was decided that further interview would be had with her with respect to the whereabouts of Subject GALATAS.

Accordingly, on the afternoon of that day, the writer interviewed Mrs. GALATAS at 524 East State Street in the absence of Mrs. RAINES, who was attending a picture show, and Mr. RAINES was sleeping during said interview with Mrs. GALATAS. Mrs. GALATAS was still emphatic in her assertions that she has heard nothing directly or indirectly from Subject, stating in this connection that should she learn of his whereabouts she, of course, would not turn him over to the Federal Authorities, but she would use every inducement within her power to prevail upon Subject GALATAS to surrender himself to the Federal Authorities. Mrs. GALATAS, in this connection, expressed grave fear for the safety of her son in view of the recent deaths and killings of the other Subjects of the instant file.

With respect to Mrs. GALATAS' familiarity as to the identity of these individuals, she stated that for the first time she had learned more or less in detail the circumstances surrounding the Kansas City massacre from an article appearing in the True Detective Mysteries, December, 1933, issue, entitled the "Inside Story of the Kansas City Shocking Police Massacre" insofar as the alleged activities of her son in the affair were concerned; that in view of said activities she has been fearful that some members of the gangster element involved might dispose of her son as a precaution against any possibility of his telling what he knew about the affair. Mrs. GALATAS was specifically concerned as to whether or not a murder charge was outstanding with the Federal Authorities for her son, and whether or not it was true that a reward of \$25,000.00 was offered for his apprehension, expressing the belief that if Subject GALATAS were cognizant of the specific charges lodged against him that he would unquestionably turn himself in; that the only reason he might not do so would be his fear of his destruction by other members of the gang who might be fearful that GALATAS would talk. Mrs. GALATAS further expressed the fear that possibly Subject GALATAS had been disposed of by this time in view of the length of time which has elapsed since she last heard from him, this date being fixed by her as to the time of her departure from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

With respect to her departure from Hot Springs, Mrs. GALATAS related her travels substantially as set out in reference report, and particularly to her travels in the East after leaving Hot Springs.

Mrs. GALATAS obviously is showing the strain of worry over the safety, if not the whereabouts of Subject. As a means of impressing the writer as to the sincerity of her statement to the effect that Subject had not communicated with her or any members of the family, Mrs. GALATAS pointed out that Subject was extremely fond of his step-son, PAT STUFNEY, with whom Subject was very liberal from a financial standpoint, and which financial

assistance was enabling his step-son to complete his college education; that it was a matter of great pride and satisfaction to Subject that he was putting the young man through college; that since the Kansas City affair his step-son's source of finances had been cut off and the boy had to discontinue his school work and is now working on a CWA Project, in view of the fact that Subject has not communicated with any members of his family and is apparently afraid to do so with particular reference to the step-son, obviously being fearful that such contact by way of letters or forwarding of financial assistance would lead to his apprehension.

Mrs. GALATAS expressed the firm belief that her mail for some time has been opened and inspected; that her telephone conversations, as well as those of other members of the family, have been overheard; and that their every move has been watched by the Government officers. Mrs. GALATAS expressed every evidence of curiosity as to how much the Division knew with respect to the present or past whereabouts of Subject GALATAS and his movements; and was obviously interested in trying to determine through what channels the Division expected to effect the apprehension of Subject GALATAS.

Some two hours were spent by the writer with Mrs. GALATAS and her story with respect to her movements and knowledge as to Subject's whereabouts was substantially the same as set out in the report of the writer, reflecting a former interview with Mrs. GALATAS, supplemented by the additional information as set out in this report.

At the termination of the writer's interview with Mrs. GALATAS, she insisted upon waking Mr. RAINES to ascertain whether or not there was anything that she had failed to inquire about as to the situation which RAINES might think of. Part of the interview of Mr. RAINES was conducted in the presence of Mrs. GALATAS, and then Mr. RAINES was interviewed by the writer in the absence of Mrs. GALATAS.

Mr. RAINES stated emphatically and specifically that neither Mrs. GALATAS nor any members of the immediate family had received any word from Subject directly or indirectly; that he and his wife had felt considerable concern for the health of Mrs. GALATAS due to the excessive worrying she has been doing with respect to the safety of Subject. Mr. RAINES advised the writer that it is his opinion that the same information has reached Subject that came to them, namely, that a murder charge was outstanding against the Subject by the Federal Authorities, and that a \$25,000.00 reward was outstanding for his apprehension; that he is of the opinion that these two facts, if believed by Subject, would cause him to remain in hiding indefinitely if he were able to do so; that he, Mr. RAINES, as well as Mrs. GALATAS, in view of the activities of the Federal Authorities with respect to the apprehension of Subject, was certain that Subject would eventually be apprehended; that for this reason, and due to the anxiety of Subject's mother, should Subject communicate with him or her directly or indirectly, every means would be used to prevail upon Subject to surrender himself to the Federal authorities. Mr. RAINES stated that he would not, of course, report the whereabouts of Subject GALATAS if he knew same. He similarly expressed himself as being of the opinion that the telephone conversations had been overheard since the affair at Kansas City; that their mail was being watched, as well as their

movements; that these facts unquestionably were known to Subject GALATAS and for these reasons the latter would not make any attempt to get in touch with them.

No additional information, which would be of assistance in the apprehension of Subject GALATAS, could be obtained from Mr. RAINES or Mrs. GALATAS, with respect to the acquaintances, relatives or points of contact that Subject GALATAS might make, both stating that in view of the distance between the respective residences of the Subject and the RAINES family, including Subject's mother, no opportunity had been afforded them to come in contact with Subject's associates, aside from relatives of the family.

Subsequent to the above interviews, the writer returned to the point of observation previously described, same being occupied in the writer's absence by Special Agent Albert Miller. Shortly after the writer's return, Mrs. GALATAS phoned Mrs. MARTIN, stating that she would like to meet her that evening as she had something very important to discuss with her, the conversation being discontinued briefly with the consent of Mrs. MARTIN to meet Mrs. GALATAS on the evening of January 31st. This conversation is set out merely as a indication that when and if anything relating to the instant matter is discussed by the members of the GALATAS family, said discussion is not conducted over the telephone.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

67D THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION OFFICE, in the very near future, [REDACTED] will interview JIM HAGAN, Long Beach; and keep in constant communication with Captain MURPHY of the Long Beach Police Department for any information he may receive through the contact arranged with Mrs. ANDREWS.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
~~Bureau of Investigation~~

Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 15, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FEB 17 1934
RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased,
et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

For the information of the Division at Washington and all field offices, there is being set forth herewith the names of all persons more or less prominently identified with the instant case, which has to do with an attempt to deliver from custody Federal prisoner Frank Nash at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, which resulted in the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey of the Kansas City Division office; Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma; Police Detectives Frank Hermanson and W. J. Grooms of Kansas City, Missouri; and Frank Nash, Federal prisoner, and the wounding of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli and Special Agent F. J. Lackey.

Persons Indicted

There is being set forth below the names of all persons indicted in the United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri, on September 1, 1933, charged with conspiracy to cause the escape of a Federal prisoner, together with brief pertinent notations regarding those individuals.

Vernon C. Miller, alias Verne C. Miller, alias V. C. Moore, alias Vincent C. Moore, alias V. C. White, alias V. C. Mason, alias Vern Marlin, alias G. Glaubach, alias T. C. Hayes, alias T. C. Hays, alias Stephen J. Gross, alias Clarence Allen, Deceased, former subject I.O. #1195. Miller is generally recognized as having been the leading participant in the massacre at the Union Station Plaza at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. Miller was located by Division Agents at Chicago on November 1, 1933, but escaped under gun fire. His corpse was found near Detroit, Michigan, on November 29, 1933, where it had apparently been placed after his murder. The body was positively identified by fingerprints. Miller is believed to have been murdered by gangsters because of the fact that he "put the Federal heat on the underworld" as a result of the Union Station slayings. Miller was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre.

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Harvey J. Bailey, alias J. J. Brennan, alias John Brown, alias F. J. Bloom, alias J. P. Bloom, alias Big Tom, former subject I.O. #1189. Bailey was apprehended near Paradise, Texas, by Division Agents, accompanied by State officers, on August 12, 1933, in connection with this case and the case of the kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel at Oklahoma City. On September 4, 1933, Bailey escaped from the Dallas, Texas, County Jail and was recaptured the same date at Ardmore, Oklahoma, by State officers through the efforts of Division Agents. Bailey is now serving a life sentence in the United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the Urschel kidnaping. Bailey was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre at the Union Station Plaza.

Wilber Underhill, alias Wilbur Underhill, alias Henry Wilber, alias Ralph Caraway, former subject I.O. #1191. Underhill died at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on January 6, 1934, as the result of wounds inflicted by Division Agents and local peace officers at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 30, 1933, while effecting his capture, at which time he was resisting arrest while an endeavor was being made to effect his apprehension. Underhill was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre at the Union Station Plaza.

Robert G. Brady, alias Bob Brady, alias Pat Brady, alias J. H. Taylor, alias Bob Ross, former subject I.O. #1190. Brady was apprehended by State officers at Tucumcari, New Mexico, on October 6, 1933, and returned to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, from which place he had escaped on May 30, 1933. He again escaped from the State institution on January 19, 1934, and on January 22, 1934, was shot and killed by local officers at a point near Paola, Kansas. Brady was indicted as an actual participant in the massacre.

Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Dick Galatas, alias Richard F. Galatas, alias Dick Gladis, alias Pritchard Sheridan, alias Dick Sheridan, Fugitive, I.O. #1201. Galatas is the only person indicted in this case who has not been apprehended. Intensive investigation is under way at the present time in various parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico to bring him into custody. The investigation of this case indicates that Galatas was the prime conspirator and that he personally arranged the conspiracy which resulted in the Union Station massacre. It is the orders of the Director of this Division that every field office spare no effort in bringing about the apprehension of Galatas at the earliest possible moment.

Louis Stacci, alias Louis Stacey, alias Doc Stacey. Stacci was arrested on a Federal warrant at Chicago, Illinois, by Division Agents and the United States Marshal on August 7, 1933; removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he was released on bond of \$5,000.00 on October 5, 1933. Stacci aided in the conspiracy by notifying Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically from Chicago, Illinois, of the apprehension of Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 16, 1933. He reached Miller indirectly through Mulloy at Kansas City after receiving information from Mrs. Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Frank B. Mulloy, alias Fritz Mulloy, alias Fritz Malloy. Mulloy was arrested September 1, 1933, by Agents of the Division, in company with the United States Marshal at Kansas City, Missouri. He was released on \$1,500.00 bond on September 2, 1933. Mulloy aided in the conspiracy by acting as a contact man between Stacci and Miller when the former called the latter by telephone on June 16, 1933, with reference to plans which resulted in the slayings. He acted as a shield for Miller when Miller fled from Kansas City after the massacre, having received Miller's personal effects for safe keeping after Miller fled. In Mulloy's house, shortly after the massacre, Agents of the Division, assisted by local officers, located and arrested James (Fur) Sammons, mentioned below.

Mrs. Frances Nash, alias Mrs. Frances Miller, alias Mrs. Frances Harrison, alias Mrs. George W. Miller, alias Frances Mikulich Miller. Mrs. Nash was located by Division Agents at Wenona, Illinois, on July 10, 1933. She voluntarily accompanied the Agents to Kansas City, Missouri, where she was placed under arrest under a Federal warrant on July 11, 1933. She furnished bond of \$2,500.00 at Kansas City on August 2, 1933. Mrs. Nash waived immunity and testified before the United States Grand Jury in this case. She has been promised by the United States Attorney of Kansas City that she will not be prosecuted in this case, provided that in his opinion she furnishes truthful and helpful testimony in the trial of other defendants in this case. Mrs. Nash, with Galatas, secured the aid of Stacci and the Farmers, mentioned below, and through them the aid of Miller which culminated in the assassinations at the Union Station Plaza.

Mrs. E. B. Conner, alias Mrs. Louise Conner, alias Lou Conner, alias Mary Conner, alias Geraldine Lewis. Mrs. Conner was apprehended by Division Agents and local officers at Memphis, Tennessee, on November 13, 1933. She was removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where she furnished bond of \$2,500.00 on December 12, 1933. Mrs. Conner at the instance of Galatas allowed the use of her telephone at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the purpose of forming the plans which resulted in the murders at the Union Station.

Herbert Allen Farmer, alias Herb Farmer, alias Herbert Black, alias H. A. Patton, alias W. H. Williams, alias W. H. Barker, alias Harry J. Garner, alias Harry Allen Farmer, alias William Hillary Baker, alias Deafy. Farmer voluntarily surrendered to local officers at Joplin, Missouri, on July 9, 1933, after intensive investigation had been inaugurated by Division Agents. Farmer was removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where he furnished bond of \$1,500.00 on September 25, 1933. Farmer aided in the conspiracy by allowing Galatas and Mrs. Nash to use his home and telephone at Joplin, Missouri, for the purpose of communicating with Miller at Kansas City and formulating plans which culminated in the massacre.

Mrs. Esther Farmer. Mrs. Farmer was arrested at Joplin, Missouri, on July 9, 1933, by Division Agents, accompanied by local officers and a Deputy United States Marshal. She was removed to Kansas City, Missouri, where she furnished bond of \$1,500.00 on September 25, 1933. Mrs. Farmer assisted in the conspiracy by lending aid to Galatas and Mrs. Nash at her home in Joplin, Missouri, on June 16, 1933, at the time the telephone calls were placed to Miller at Kansas City, Missouri.

Additional Subjects of Identification Orders

The persons listed below were made Subjects of Division identification orders issued June 22, 1933, for the purpose of bringing into custody all persons who may have been involved in the Union Station Plaza massacre. It will be noted, however, that no Federal indictments have been returned against any of these individuals.

Charles Arthur Floyd, alias Frank Mitchell, alias Pretty Boy Smith, Fugitive, I.O. #1194. In order to protect Federal officials in effecting the apprehension of Floyd and in order to lay a basis for prosecution of persons who might harbor Floyd, a Commissioner's complaint was issued at Kansas City, Missouri, on February 8, 1934, charging Floyd with participation in this case. A non est return has been made on the warrant by the United States Marshal. Floyd has been identified as having been at the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of the massacre. It is definitely known that Floyd was in Kansas City, Missouri, on the night of June 16, 1933. Floyd is wanted as an escapee by the Ohio State Prison authorities where he was sentenced to serve a term of from twelve to fifteen years for bank robbery. He is reputed to be wanted for several bank robberies in the State of Oklahoma. (Note: Information not to be given to local peace officers, Floyd is wanted for participation in the murder of Sheriff Wilson and Missouri State Highway Patrol Officer Booth at Columbia, Missouri, on June 15, 1933.) Floyd is one of the most notorious killers and bandits at large in the United States today.

Bernard Phillips, alias B. A. Courtney, I.O. #1196. Phillips was a known friend of Frank Nash, Vernon C. Miller and Harvey J. Bailey, and apparently engaged in criminal activities with them and their friends. He has not been definitely identified in this case, but several witnesses described a man similar to him in appearance as an actual participant in the massacre. No process of arrest has been issued for him in connection with this case, however, he is wanted for bank robberies at Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Crown Point, Indiana. Reports from underworld sources indicate that Phillips was murdered by other gangsters near St. Paul, Minnesota, during July, 1933, but the Division has been unable to verify such information. Efforts are being made by the Division to effect the apprehension of Phillips.

James Clark, alias Jim Clark alias Jack Martin, former subject I.O. #1192. Clark was apprehended at Tucumcari, New Mexico, by local officers on October 6, 1933, and returned to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, from which place he was an escape and where he had been serving a life sentence. Clark again escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary on January 19, 1934, and is now at large. Clark was originally wanted for questioning in view of his former associations with Bailey, Underhill and Brady with whom he escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary on Memorial Day, 1933. Clark was viewed by the various witnesses in this case and not identified. No concerted effort is being made by the Division to bring about his apprehension at the present time in connection with this case. I.O. #1192 has not been reinstated.

See Serial #2184 in 7-576 { Ed Davis, alias W. E. Davis, alias Keith Stone, alias Sebron Edward Davis, alias George Allen, alias George Keith Allen, I.O. #1193. Davis escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on Memorial Day, 1933, with Harvey J. Bailey, Wilber Underhill, Robert Brady, James Clark and others. It will be noted that this escape was less than three weeks before the massacre took place. He is the only one of the original members of the Memorial Day break who has not been brought into custody although Clark has again escaped. He was serving a life sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary and was already an escape from a life sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Davis is known as a vicious killer and bank robber. He has not been identified as an actual participant in the massacre. No process of arrest is outstanding for him in connection with this case although he is wanted for questioning.

Suspects not Definitely Identified

James (Fur) Sammons, alias John Nolan, alias John O'Hara. Sammons was arrested by Division Agents and local officers at Kansas City, Missouri,

on July 7, 1933, at the home of Mulloy for the purpose of investigation. It appears that Sammons originally came to Kansas City, Missouri, to protect the life of Mulloy when he was threatened by other gangsters. He is known to be a close friend of Mulloy, Miller and other hardened criminals. He is known as a notorious killer, gunman and racketeer of the Al Capone gang. He is at present serving a life sentence in the Indiana State Penitentiary as an habitual criminal. Warrants for his arrest also exist in Chicago, Illinois, and Baltimore, Maryland. No positive identifications have been made of Sammons although tentative photograph identifications and descriptions indicate the possibility that he was an actual participant in the massacre.

William Weisman, alias Bill Weiss. Weisman has been prominently mentioned in underworld circles and in newspaper publicity given out by police authorities as a possible participant in the massacre as an actual assassin. Weisman is known to have frequently resided with Miller at Kansas City and to have been with him shortly before the massacre. He is wanted for murder of a United States Prohibition Agent at Elizabeth, New Jersey, on September 19, 1930. He is a hardened criminal. The question of his possible participation in the massacre is being given continued consideration.

Alvin Karpis, alias George Dunn, alias R. E. Hamilton, alias Raymond Hadley, alias George Haller. About a week before the massacre at Kansas City Frank Nash appears to have visited with Karpis and the Barkers, mentioned below, at a house in St. Paul, Minnesota. Karpis is known to have been a close associate of Frank Nash, Miller and their friends of the underworld. He is a ruthless killer and a member of the Nash-Bailey gang. He is wanted for participation with Fred Barker in the murder of Sheriff Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, on December 19, 1931. Information received from the underworld indicates the possible participation of Karpis, the Barkers, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis in the Union Station massacre. Investigation is being carried forward with a view to securing evidence along these lines.

Fred Barker, alias Ted Murphy, alias F. G. Ward. Fred Barker has tentatively been identified by photograph as having lived at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the early part of June, 1933, at which place Frank Nash visited about a week before the massacre. Fred Barker is a member of the Nash-Bailey gang of killers and bank robbers and is a known friend of Vernon Miller. Information from the underworld indicates his possible participation in the massacre. Investigation is being conducted along those lines. He is wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, on December 19, 1931.

Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc Barker, alias Claude Dale, alias Bob Barker. Arthur R. Barker is a brother of Fred Barker and member of the Nash-Bailey gang, running mate of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, brutal killers, who are wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelley at West Plains, Missouri, on December 19, 1931. Frank Nash apparently visited with him in St. Paul, Minnesota, about one week before the massacre. Underworld information indicates that Arthur Barker may have been a participant in the massacre. Investigation along those lines is being continued.

Harry Campbell. Close associate of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and other notorious outlaws and known as a member of the Nash-Bailey gang. Wanted for highway robberies at Independence, Kansas; Casper, Wyoming; Hutchinson, Kansas, and Stillwater, Oklahoma. Underworld information indicates that he may have been an actual participant in the massacre. Investigation being continued along those lines.

Volney Davis. Ex-convict from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, friend of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis and other notorious criminals. Records indicate that he escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on January 3, 1923, where he is wanted for the completion of his sentence for robbery. Investigation being conducted to determine whether he may have been an actual participant in the massacre with Karpis, the Barkers and others.

Defendants for Harboring Massacre Fugitives

Vivian Mathis, alias Vivian Matthews, alias Vivian Allen, alias Vivian Gibson, alias Mrs. C. T. Hayes, alias Mrs. C. T. Hays, alias Clara Hayes. Paramour of Vernon C. Miller. No process has been issued against her as a conspirator in the massacre case. Although no identifications have been made, information received by the Division indicates the possibility that she may have been with Miller and Sammons at the Union Station in Kansas City on the morning of June 17, 1933, shortly before the massacre took place. Shortly after the escape of Vernon C. Miller at Chicago, Illinois, Vivian Mathis was arrested by Division Agents and local officers at Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933. She was indicted for harboring and concealing Miller by the United States Grand Jury at Chicago, Illinois, on November 8, 1933, entered a plea of guilty and on November 29, 1933, at Chicago received a sentence of one year and one day in the Federal Prison for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

Mrs. Bobbie Moore, alias Mrs. Bobbie Williams, alias Mrs. Bobbie Harris. Arrested at Chicago, Illinois, by Division Agents and local officers on November 1, 1933, after she had driven Miller in her automobile and aided in effecting his escape. She was indicted at Chicago, Illinois, on November 8, 1933, for having harbored and concealed Miller. On November 29, 1933, she entered a plea of guilty and received a sentence of one year and one day in the Federal Prison for Women, Alderson, West Virginia.

Albert Silvers, alias Silverman. A Commissioner's warrant was issued at New York City, New York, on November 6, 1933, charging Silvers with having concealed and harbored Vernon C. Miller, it having been discovered that he had purchased a Ford automobile for Miller in New York shortly before the latter was located in Chicago on November 1, 1933. Silvers' corpse was found near Somers, Connecticut, on November 20, 1933, entirely nude, badly mutilated, stabbed and thrown there after death. He apparently met death at the hands of other gangsters. The circumstances surrounding his murder and the condition of his body bore a remarkable similarity to those surrounding the death of Miller.

Dr. Irwin R. Silvers. Arrested by Division Agents and members of the United States Marshal's office at Orange, New Jersey, on November 15, 1933, on a Commissioner's warrant charging him with having concealed and harbored Vernon C. Miller. He was found to have procured false credentials and optical supplies which Miller used as a ruse to avoid capture. Silvers has been released on a bond of \$10,000.00. The files of the Kansas City office do not reflect further prosecutive action.

Abraham Chait. Arrested by Agents of this Division and members of the United States Marshal's office at New York City, New York, on a Commissioner's warrant on November 6, 1933. Chait was charged with concealing and harboring Miller. Investigation revealed that Chait prompted Herman Borenstein, who procured an automobile operator's license for Vernon C. Miller at New York City shortly before Miller was located at Chicago, Illinois, on November 1, 1933. Chait was released on \$10,000.00 bond. Records of the Kansas City office do not reflect additional information from the New York City office regarding the prosecution of Chait.

Herman Borenstein. The facts with regard to Borenstein are identical with those of Chait as set forth above with the exception of the fact that Borenstein is of similar description to Vernon C. Miller and, accordingly, was the person who personally secured for Miller an operator's license.

Thomas L. Manion. Manion was Deputy Sheriff and Jailer at the Dallas,

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Texas, County Jail, at the time that Bailey made his escape on September 4, 1933, where he was held under charges of having kidnaped Charles F. Urschel, it being noted that removal papers had been forwarded to Dallas also for removal on the instant case. Manion was charged with aiding Bailey in the escape. The evidence reflected that Manion had furnished Bailey with a gun and saws which Manion had received from Grover C. Bevill, mentioned below. Manion was indicted at Dallas, Texas, on September 25, 1933, and upon trial in the United States District Court at Dallas, Texas, was convicted on October 5, 1933. He was sentenced to serve a term of two years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and given a fine of \$10,000.00.

Grover C. Bevill. In connection with the escape of Harvey J. Bailey at Dallas, Texas, on September 4, 1933, Bevill was indicted at Dallas, Texas, on September 25, 1933, charged with aiding in the escape. The specific evidence against him was that he had furnished Thomas Manion, mentioned above, with guns and saws to aid in the escape. Bevill entered plea of guilty on October 5, 1933, and was sentenced to serve fourteen months in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

George Washington Nash. Complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 15, 1933, charging that George Washington Nash concealed and harbored Wilber Underhill at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 14, 1933. Nash was arrested by an Agent of this Division, aided by State officers, on December 15, 1933. At a hearing before the United States Commissioner at Ada, Oklahoma, on December 20, 1933, Nash was held for the Grand Jury under a \$10,000.00 bond. Further details regarding this prosecution are lacking in the Kansas City office.

Huston G. Nash. The facts regarding Huston G. Nash are identical with those of George Washington Nash, shown above, with the exception that Huston G. Nash was arrested on December 24, 1933, and the hearing was on December 26, 1933. This being, of course, in connection with the harboring of Wilber Underhill.

Bruce Merrill Brady. The facts regarding Brady are identical with those set forth above regarding George Washington Nash. This, of course, is in connection with the harboring of Wilber Underhill.

Jake Reddner. Reddner, a junk dealer of Konowa, Oklahoma, appears to have assisted in the concealing and harboring of Wilber Underhill. Detailed information has never been furnished by the Oklahoma City office.

Hazel Hudson Underhill. Mrs. Underhill was charged in the Commissioner's complaint and warrant issued at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with having harbored Wilber Underhill at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on December 30, 1933, at the time that he was apprehended after having been wounded by Division Agents and local authorities. She was released on a \$10,000.00 bond. Further records of the progress of this prosecution are not at present available to the Kansas City office.

Eva Mae Nichols. On December 30, 1933, the Nichols woman was in a house at Shawnee, Oklahoma, at the time the residence was raided by Division Agents and local authorities. Underhill resisted arrest and it became necessary to use firearms. Mrs. Nichols died as a result of gun fire in the exchange of shots between Underhill and the officers. She was a close friend of Underhill and had been on a party with him and his wife on the night he was captured.

Ralph Roe, alias Raymond Roe. An ex-convict and desperate criminal, friend and cohort of the deceased Underhill, was found in the residence in Shawnee, Oklahoma, which on December 30, 1933, was raided by Division Agents and local authorities for the purpose of capturing Underhill. In the exchange of shots between officers and Underhill, when the latter attempted to escape, Roe was shot and seriously wounded. He was later turned over to Oklahoma City authorities where he is being held pending trial on charges of bank robbery. Records of this office do not contain information regarding prosecution for harboring Wilber Underhill.

Lon Johnson. Lon Johnson was arrested December 30, 1933, after the capture of Wilber Underhill at Shawnee, Oklahoma, on that date. He was charged in a Commissioner's complaint with having harbored and concealed Underhill. He, with "Sleepy" Johnson, had harbored and concealed Wilber Underhill at a point near Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in a residence a short time before the actual capture of Underhill occurred.

"Sleepy" Johnson. The facts regarding "Sleepy" Johnson are identical with those set forth under the name Lon Johnson, this in connection with the harboring of Wilber Underhill.

It is respectfully requested that each field office which has instituted prosecution for the harboring of any of the fugitives in this case carefully peruse this letter and furnish this office and the Division with any additional facts regarding the above or any facts which may be at variance with the above,

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in order that the Division and the office of origin may have the full benefit of all information at hand.

It is further respectfully suggested that each Agent in Charge of a field office and each number one man carefully peruse this letter in order that they may become fairly conversant with the identity of the individuals who have been mentioned prominently in connection with the investigation of this case.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. E. Conroy". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - All Field Offices

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

FILE NO. **62-410**

REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 2-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/13, 20, 21/34	REPORT MADE BY: C. E. McRAE, Jr.
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201;			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

**ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases (Deceased);
HARVEY J. BRADLEY, with aliases; ED DAVIS, with
aliases; I.O. #1193; et al.**

Mrs. Ruby Purser, Ft. Worth, Texas, states Ed Davis is her uncle; has not heard from him since his escape from Lansing Penitentiary. Davis alleged to have been in West Texas between the 1st & 10th of January, 1934. Jack Allred, nephew of Ed Davis, now in Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents W. E. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1-5-34; and C. B. Sinstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 2-11-34.

DETAILS:

Special Agent F. S. Dann interviewed Mrs. Ruby Purser, nee May Holcomb, who resides at 408 W. 10th Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, and is employed as a waitress at the Coffee Shop, Texas Hotel. She stated that Ed Davis is her uncle and while he was confined in the Lansing Penitentiary she corresponded with him but since his escape she has neither seen nor heard from him. Referring to the list of names taken from the correspondence record at the penitentiary, she stated that J. W. Davis, Minnetonka, Oklahoma, is Davis' brother. Bernard or Fred Allred, Quail, Texas, is his cousin; that Mrs. Ruby Purser (?) of Chickasha, Okla., is meant for her and that the name is spelled wrong; that she believes if Davis contacts any of his relatives it will be Mrs. Maude Long, his sister, of Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

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Mrs. Purser further stated that about three weeks ago, H. W. Rhodes, Deputy Sheriff, Ft. Worth, Texas, whom she had known for a long time, had inquired of her relative to Davis, and she had promised to give him any information she could but emphatically stated she had heard nothing; that she received a letter from Mrs. Maude Long which stated she had not heard from Davis since his escape and did not know his whereabouts.

Deputy Sheriff Rhodes stated he was the house man for the Worth Hotel prior to his appointment as Deputy Sheriff, and became acquainted with Ruby Holcomb at that time; that Mr. Nance was the room clerk and often gave him valuable information; that later Nance was transferred to the Texas Hotel as room clerk and about a month ago he informed Rhodes that one of the bell boys, Jesse Purser, with whom he was quite friendly, asked him if it could be arranged to place some currency in one of the safety boxes at the hotel; that in questioning the boy he learned that Ed Davis was in town and he had planned to rob a Plainview, Texas, bank; that upon receipt of this information he went to Ruby Holcomb, who is the wife of Jesse Purser, for the purpose of securing information concerning Davis' whereabouts, and without divulging to her the above information, told her if she would assist him in the apprehension of Davis he would agree that any reward paid to him for Davis' capture would be given to her and her name would not be mentioned.

Mr. Rhodes stated he had not contacted this woman since his interview with her a month ago, but that he would renew his efforts and see what could be developed and communicate with the Dallas Division Office in the next few days.

Special Agent C. B. Winstead contacted J. H. Elder, confidential informant referred to in reference report, at Gladewater, Texas, who stated that a woman whose name he would not divulge, who lives at Gladewater, Texas, and has known Ed Davis for years, as she formerly operated a second hand furniture store at Wink, Crane and Odessa, Texas, whose brother-in-law, committed suicide at Breckenridge, Texas, went to Breckenridge for the funeral, and visited other places in West Texas.

Elder stated that this woman upon her return informed him that she saw Ed Davis three times in Ranger, Texas; twice in Breckenridge and once in Caddo, while on her visit in West Texas, between the first and tenth of January, 1934; that this woman stated Ed now has his hair dyed coal black and is wearing a rather long moustache, black; that he does not appear to fear detection as she saw him in a cafe in Breckenridge; that he was in company with another man each time she saw him, but he did not ask her what the other man's description is.

Elder also stated that Cliff Hale, brother of Loma Davis, Ed's wife, is the man who informed the officers when Davis was arrested at Overton or Arp, several years ago, and that he was wrong about the Hale address in Oklahoma City, when he talked with Agent Winstead last; that the correct address of Cliff Hale is Route 8, Box G-340, Oklahoma City.

Elder further advised that his wife had written to her relatives, the Hale family at Oklahoma City to ascertain Loma's address, but had received no reply as yet.

Elder stated that recently a woman who lives in Breckenridge, Texas, came to Gladewater to visit the woman he first referred to, and this last lady stated she had seen Ed Davis.

Special Agent B. L. McCormack interviewed J. B. Parker, Postmaster at Quail, Texas, and he stated that Fred Allred lives about five miles out from Quail and is a nephew of Mollie Davis Allred. B. T. (Tom) Allred married Ed Davis' sister, Mollie. They have two children - Bernard, age 16 and Jack age 25. Fred Allred has two brothers, Sol and Van. Fred killed a man named John R. Daves in 1933, and was acquitted, pleading defense of home. Jack Allred, Ed Davis' nephew is now in Oklahoma Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. He joined Davis' gang and was captured after the gang had killed a sheriff at Marlow, Okla.

The Allred family is a close corporation and would harbor Ed Davis. They release no information. All live near each other on small farms. Mrs. Davis, Ed's mother, visits them often and it is thought probable Ed hides out on the farm at times. He is believed to have been there last Fall but no indications he has been there recently.

Postmaster, Parker agreed to render all cooperation possible and was furnished an I. O. on Davis.

The Sheriff's Office at Memphis, Texas, has been notified, and, although not expected to actively work on it, will be in a position to act if Mr. Parker notifies them Davis is there. Parker has promised to notify this office of any developments. The Allreds were not interviewed since their reputation makes it unlikely a useful purpose could be served.

A letter from Postmaster Parker, Quail, Texas, dated February 2, 1934, in which he stated that no developments had taken place since Agent McCormack was last there, and furnished this office with a map showing the locations of the farms occupied by the Allreds and a list of their names as follows:

B. T. Allred is Jack Allred's uncle
Orb Allred is Jack's cousin
V. B. Allred is Jack's uncle
Tom Allred is Jack's father

Troy Rackley, Deputy Sheriff, Gilmer, Texas, who has furnished Agent Winstead in the past with information indicating he had a good informant on Ed Davis, telephonically advised the Dallas Division Office on February 12, 1934, that his informant had told him where Davis now is located. Rackley desired that an Agent assist him. He stated he was proceeding to Duncan, Oklahoma the next day - February 13 - and would meet an Agent at the best hotel there at 5: PM. He felt confident he knew where to locate Davis.

The Oklahoma City Division Office was immediately communicated with and arrangements made for Agents from that office to meet Deputy Sheriff Rackley in Duncan, Oklahoma.

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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Kindly refer to Division letter of January 31, 1934, and to reply of Acting Special Agent in Charge M. C. Spear, Kansas City, Missouri, dated February 3, 1934, regarding the concern of the Division in connection with the handling of the entitled case.

There is being transmitted to the Division this date a review of the accomplishments of the Division in connection with this investigation, which was prepared by me with the aid of Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor. I am inclined to believe that this digest will be of material aid to the various Division Offices which have not on file complete data regarding the case. It is also quite possible that it may be of some aid to the Division in directing the investigation of the case in the future. It certainly affords even this office a ready reference to the names and activities of each person prominently mentioned in connection with the investigation.

It will be noted that from a review of the digest referred to above that there is only one person at large who has been indicted, namely - Richard Tallman Galatas. The only other person for whom process has been issued is Charles Arthur Floyd, a Commissioner's Warrant having been secured at the instance of the Oklahoma City Division Office. I am of the impression that investigation leading to the apprehension of Galatas should have emphasis at the present time. Of course, investigation should continue in an effort to bring into custody the other four persons for whom Identification Orders have been issued but who were not indicted. I am holding in mind, however, that the Identification Order has not been reissued against James Clark. In addition to those mentioned it is noted Identification Orders are outstanding against Bernard Phillips and Ed Davis.

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During the past five months the attention of the Kansas City Office has been specifically directed towards the apprehension of various Fugitives in connection with this case. In view of the dangerous character of the individuals involved it appears that the Division has been quite effective along these lines, inasmuch as there is only one Fugitive remaining who is under indictment. Of course, there should be no relaxation whatsoever with regard to investigation to determine the whereabouts of Galatas. However, I am inclined to believe that there may be much mis-directed effort in the event the investigation in the future is directed towards the apprehension of various persons whose names have been mentioned in connection with the case, but against whom we have no specific evidence at the present time. By all means the question of the probability of connecting these persons with the massacre should not be overlooked, but I feel the primary object is the question of evidence.

When the investigation first commenced it is quite apparent that due to the vicious circumstances surrounding the case that the investigation was more or less of a feverish nature. Because of this, and because of the fact that time may have given various witnesses an opportunity to give seasoned thought to their experiences, it appears advisable to make a complete review of the file and reinterview many witnesses. This procedure has already been put into effect. It has resulted in two developments of primary importance. It was found that photographs of latent fingerprints developed from objects in the house occupied by Vernon Miller were never transmitted to the Division to be checked against the single fingerprint file and the fingerprints of various suspects. The negatives of the photographs have recently been transmitted to the Division. They have great potential value.

In addition, it may be noted that while reinterviewing one of the witnesses the names of two eye witnesses to the massacre, who were probably not more than fifty feet from Agent Caffrey's automobile, have been found. Arrangements have already been made to interview them in the very near future. It appears that the file reflected that these two witnesses had been interviewed immediately after the shooting and had given statements of negligible value; that the significance of their potential value as witnesses was never discovered until the file had been reviewed and the other witnesses reinterviewed. Other discoveries of value will probably be made as the review of the file progresses.

For the information of the Division it may be noted that the file on this case, with exhibits, occupies two filing cabinets

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of four drawers each. The names of various persons in connection therewith had been indexed in the beginning, but due to the pressure of other work this index had been suspended about six months ago. Work is now progressing upon the complete indexing of this file in order that proper reference may be made to all reports contained therein.

The number of leads which have been set out for this office and other offices have been extremely numerous. In the past it has been difficult to keep track of these leads. In order to obviate this situation there has been commenced a tickler system in which a detailed account of leads, both in this district and outside, will be kept.

Some time past I called the attention of the Division to the fact that apparently the file of the Kansas City Office on the massacre case is not complete, due to the fact that various Field Offices communicated with the Division without furnishing this office with copies of the correspondence. I consider it imperative in the conduct of future investigation and in the compilation of evidence that the Kansas City file contain copies of all communications and all memoranda contained in every Field Office in the United States. The Division's attention is directed to the fact that the indictment outstanding charges Conspiracy. The association of any of the defendants in any manner whatsoever is competent evidence. It is quite possible that memoranda in various files in Field Offices in the United States contain evidence not now available to the office of prosecution.

In connection with the furnishing of this office with copies of all communications in connection with this case, I believe it would be advisable for other Field Offices that have instituted prosecution against any person for the harboring of any Fugitive in this case should keep this office fully advised in report form, or otherwise, regarding those prosecutions. An inspection of the files of this office reflects that this has not been the procedure in the past.

Recently a communication has been directed from this office to the Division suggesting the possibility of having Vi Miller placed in the same penitentiary with Kathryn Kelley. Some Agent of the Division, probably Agent Andersen, should interview Kathryn Kelley prior thereto to determine whether she would be in accord with this procedure. A letter from this office the other day omitted a suggestion on the part of Assistant Director Harold Nathan to

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the effect that Bobbie Moore be transferred at the same time that Vi Miller is transferred in order to avoid arousing any suspicion.

Some time past a communication was directed to the St. Paul Office requesting them to interview the 8 year old daughter of Vi Miller, at Brainerd, Minnesota. I consider this angle of utmost importance to the investigation. I believe also that it would be preferable to have Agent Andersen handle that investigation personally, in view of his knowledge of this case. This child was living with Vern and Vi Miller before the massacre, at the time the massacre took place, and subsequent thereto, and no doubt she could give valuable information regarding the associations of Vern and Vi Miller in the event that proper arrangements can be made.

Some time past when I was talking to Louis Stacci in an effort to secure some information of value from him he casually remarked that Al Capone could probably name, or at least could find out, the actual identity of each of the assassins at the Union Station Plaza. Agent Andersen is now on his way to St. Petersburg, Florida, on special assignment. He will probably be released from there after a short period of time. It is suggested that the Division consider having Agent Andersen stop at Atlanta, Georgia, upon his return from St. Petersburg to interview Capone. He may not be able to secure information of value from that source. However, I do believe that the effort would be worth while.

Very truly yours,



E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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TO COMMISSIONER OF STATE POLICE



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE
100 WASHINGTON ST.
HARTFORD, CONN.

IN REPLY REFER TO
CASE NO. L-6554

February 16, 1934.

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

RE: Albert Silverman alias
O Silvers et cetera

This will acknowledge with thanks receipt of your favor of the 14th instant relative to the above subject. Since the time our inquiry was made to you we have contacted the department's agents in both Boston and New York and permit me to say that this office thoroughly appreciates the courtesies that were extended to our investigators.

One of the principal objects of the investigation of the murder of Silverman was to ascertain as to whether or not the big time bootleggers of Boston and Providence and, or, the reputed racketeers of New York had any substantial connections in this State.

Our information indicates at the moment that the murder of Silverman did not occur in the State of Connecticut neither can we find that he or any of his important associates had any important business relations with any of the citizens of Connecticut.

The leaving of his dead body in this state is viewed as an infringement upon the dignity of the State although it does not appear that his passing was a loss to society in general or an act that will materially interfere with the general uplift.

It probably has never occurred to you to note that the State of Connecticut has been and is comparatively free of crime committed by organized gangsters and if there is any one thing that we are opposed to it is that of having crooks and racketeers come into our state from other jurisdictions and commit crime.

The co-operation of your department in the matter first above referred to is highly appreciated and you may be sure that we will always be glad to reciprocate in kind.

Yours very truly,

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FEBRUARY 17, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST. PAUL MINN.

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SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS
THEIR MOB PHOTOGRAPHS SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION
STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BREMER CASE BASED ON ARTHUR
BARKER LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND URGENT PHONE DIVISION WHEN LOCATED

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: **VERNON G. MILLER (Deceased),**
RICHARD TALLMAN GALETSKY, with aliases, Fugitive,
Identification Order #1201,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter dated February 17, 1934, there are transmitted herewith two complete sets of the photographs of the individuals mentioned in your letter, as follows:

Jo Ann Armour
Fred Barker
Harley Britton
George Burrhead Gady
Harry Campbell
Billie Fitch
Alvin Karpis
George Kelly
Joe Howard

Charlie Johnson
Jewel Johnson
Bertha Slayman
Guy Thompson
George F. Turner
Louis A. Webb
Earl Whinnery
Terry Whinnery
Glen Ray Wright.

Also enclosed herewith are copies of photographs of Arthur R. Barker and Volney Davis obtained from the files of the Identification Unit.

A copy of this letter with two complete sets of the photographs is also being forwarded to the offices designated below.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

Encl. 691771
cc St. Paul
Oklahoma City
Chicago.

U. S. Department of Justice
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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 17, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith two copies of memorandum, dated February 15, 1934, by Special Agent A. E. Farland, in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. The data contained in the memorandum may be of assistance also in the Bremer kidnaping case. One copy of the memorandum in question is also furnished to each of the following offices, with a copy of this letter:

St. Paul, Minnesota
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Chicago, Illinois

There are transmitted to the Division photographs of the following individuals mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Farland:

Jo Ann Armour
Fred Barker
Harley Bratton
George Burrhead Cady
Harry Campbell
Billie Fitch
Alvin Karpis
George Kelley
Joe Howard
Charlie Johnson
Jurel Johnson
Dorothy Slayman
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George F. Turner
Louis B. Webb
Earl Whinnery
Terry Whinnery
Glen Roy Wright

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It is requested that these photographs be used by the Division for the making of additional copies, two each of which should be furnished to the offices receiving copies of this letter and to the Kansas City office.

The Division has on file more recent photographs of Volney Davis and Arthur R. Barker than those secured by Agent Farland and recently copies of photographs of these two individuals were made by the Division in connection with the case of Vernon C. Miller, et al. It is suggested that the photographs now on file in the Division be used for making further copies of these.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - St. Paul
Oklahoma City
Chicago

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Kansas City, Missouri
February 15, 1934.

Memorandum:

IN RE: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) Et Al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner
Kansas City File 62-760-

On February 9, 1934, this Agent, acting under instructions, left Kansas City, Missouri, for Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the purpose of making a contact with Detective Earl P. Gardner of the Tulsa Police Department on information furnished by Deputy Sheriff Tobler, of Coffeyville, Kansas, who was reported to have information in his possession as to where Karpis, Fred and Doc Barker could be located. Special Agents Hollis and Sorola, of the Oklahoma City Office, were present. On February 10, 1934, a contact was made with Detective Gardner, Captain George W. Stewart, Detective J. E. Porter and Special Agent George E. Carver, of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit in Agent's room at the Mayo Hotel, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Captain George Stewart stated that his department was known as the D.C.I. Department of the Tulsa Police Department.

Captain Stewart stated that Joe Howard, their number 7916, an ex-convict, was now wanted at Okmulgee County, Oklahoma for bond jumping; that he had been in on a jewelry store robbery with ex-convicts Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Sam Coker; that Coker had been apprehended and now serving a 35 year sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. A photograph containing the description and fingerprint classification of Joe Howard is attached to this memorandum. POSTED 2/15/34

Captain Stewart further stated that one Burrhead Gady, alias George Keady, alias G. C. Campbell, Tulsa Police Number 2923 was the go-between in this jewelry robbery case. That after this robbery he went to Chicago where he made a contact with Karpis' mother and got \$6000.00 in jewelry which had been stolen from the Black Jewelry Company, at Henrietta, Oklahoma; that on account of the jewelry being returned Karpis received a suspended sentence of three years at Okmulgee on this charge. That Howard is reported to have a partner named George Brock (believed to be a cripple) reported to be residing in Kansas City, Missouri or St. Joseph, Missouri; that Howard has further connections at Lees Summit, Missouri, where relatives of Brock reside; that Howard is also a friend of Tom Hill, who lives at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, just over the Kansas State line. POSTED 2/15/34

Glenn LeRoy Wright, ex-convict, Oklahoma State Penitentiary

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registration number 17876, Tulsa Police Department; number 1992, now wanted for murder and bank robbery, was shot at Silcoam Springs some time ago where he was accompanied by Gene Johnson, who was killed at the time of the fight with officers, Wright having been shot in the hand; that he is a personal friend of Karpis and Fred and Doc Barker; that he is tubercular and has false teeth - two sets; one of them has gold inlays in the upper plate and the other plain; has his hair dyed red at this time and is now believed to be with the Barkers and Karpis. Wright has two brothers - Harold (Pat) Wright, who is employed by the World Publishing Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Lewis Wright, an ex-taxi driver who has served a jail sentence in Springfield, Missouri and now lives at 722 North Cheyenne, Tulsa, Oklahoma; that both brothers are owners of an old Studebaker Sedan, 1928 model, which they use to make contacts with Glenn. He has a sister, Mrs. L. Ferguson, 1336 1/2 North Elwood Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they reside in a two story red frame house garage apartment - they live upstairs. Photograph of Wright containing description and fingerprint classification attached to this memorandum.

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✓ Terry Whinnery, Tulsa Police Department #2546, burglar, hi-jacker and expert automobile driver, who is used by Barker and Karpis and their gang when they pull a job which necessitates the use of a car. He is well acquainted with the operations of this gang and knows all connected with it.

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✓ Earl Whinnery, Tulsa Police Department Number 1083, friend of the Barkers, Campbell and Karpis, known as a "punk", aspires to be a "big shot" and will be with them as needed to pull a job. Photographs containing descriptions and fingerprint classifications of Earl and Terry Whinnery are attached to this memorandum.

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✓ Dorothy Slayman, alias Saymon, wife of Alvin Karpis, Tulsa Police Department number 6012, now living in Chicago, Illinois, employed by some cosmetic manufacturing company, address unknown. Father and mother reside at Kiefer, Oklahoma. Was arrested at Oklahoma City at 602 North Cheyenne Street and had a large amount of jewelry in her possession which was stolen from a jewelry store at Henrietta, Oklahoma. This is the case where Burrhead Cady went to Chicago, Illinois, where he made a contact with Karpis' mother and returned the jewelry. Captain Stewart stated that if Dorothy was taken into custody she might be able to furnish some very valuable information relative to the present whereabouts of this gang.

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✓ The records at the Tulsa Police Department reflect the following as to the relatives of Alvin Karpis: Father - John Karpis, 1441 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois; Mother - Anna Karpis, same address;

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Mrs. A. E. Grooms, 1234 North Monroe Street, Topeka, Kansas, sister.
Mrs. P. E. Newbowl, 1141 North Francisco Street, Chicago; Mrs. R. B.
Venude, Chicago.

Photograph of Dorothy Slayman, with aliases, containing description and fingerprint classification is attached.

Jewell Johnson, Tulsa Police Department number 5842, widow of Gene Johnson, who was killed at Siloam Springs, while with Glenn Wright, knows Karpis, the Barkers and others connected with their gang. She has been hanging around a place at 1433 East Admiral Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her people live at 144 North Union Street, Tulsa. She was shot the same time her husband was killed at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, and is reported to be a pretty tough character. Photograph containing her description and fingerprint classification is attached.

Guy Thompson, Tulsa Police Department No. 8351, known as a bootlegger and harbinger of crooks, has been dealing with this gang, Barkers, Karpis, Glenn Wright and others, for years; has served a jail sentence and would not hesitate to help them in any way by furnishing them money or a hideout. His photograph containing description and fingerprint classification is attached hereto. His father, J. C. Thompson and brother, B. C. Thompson, now reside at Kiefer, Oklahoma.

Harley Bratten, Tulsa Police number 3658, ex-convict, car thief, burglar and hi-jacker, is well known to Karpis, the Barkers, Volney Davis, Wright and Campbell. He has a brother, Andy Bratten, a Justice of the Peace, who lives at 4440 South Peoria Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, reported to be very smart and also to be a contact for all the crooks. Bratten could tell a great deal if he cared to. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification attached hereto.

Louis B. Webb, Tulsa Police Department 7378, burglar and harbinger of crooks, is very well acquainted with the Barkers, Karpis and others, and they usually stop at his house; that his house has been raided by the police a number of times; that he is often known as a "fence"; that he made a trip to Casper, Wyoming, and took possession of some stolen property which had been stolen there by ex-convict Harry Campbell now wanted for murder. He is known as a "tough egg", and will hide anyone connected with this gang. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification attached hereto.

Mrs. Frederick Barker, alias JoAnn Armour, alias Jo Ann Scott, Tulsa Police Department Number 8010, is the wife of Freddie Barker, now reported to be living with her mother, Earnestine Akins, Tulsa Police Department #8011, at Commerce, Oklahoma. Jo Ann has a boy about ten years old, has a hair lip. Captain Stewart states that Jo Ann is a stenographer and is a good one and that Freddie

Barker would be in constant touch with her. That she is known to have furnished Freddie with money at the time he escaped from the Claremore, Oklahoma jail; that she comes to Tulsa, Oklahoma occasionally. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification of Mrs. Freddie Barker and Mrs. Earnestine Atkins, her mother, who is known as a harbinger of criminals, are attached to this memorandum.

George Keady, alias Burrhead, alias G. C. Campbell, Tulsa Police Department #3923, is an ex-convict having served time at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, is known as a "front" man, bank robber and contact man. Very tough. Friend of the Barkers and Karpis, resides at 220 East Tyler Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma; has a girl friend in Tulsa whose name is not known. Keady would hide these men, feed them or give them money in the event they needed it. His photograph containing description and fingerprint classification is attached to this memorandum.

George V. Turner, Tulsa Police Department #4924, former partner of George Kelley, now serving a life sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for kidnaping in the Urtschel case, known to be "very tough", is well acquainted with the Barkers, Karpis, Campbell, Wright, etc., and is now out on appeal from a state case; was recently indicted for violation of the Indian Laws and is known to furnish information if by doing so it will help him. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification is attached hereto.

Billie Fitch, Tulsa Police Department, 3896, sweetheart of ex-convict Harry Campbell, known to be "very tough" has tattoo on her left forearm "Harry". Has a sister now wanted for murder at Shawnee, Oklahoma. She is an ex-convict, having served time in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. Could furnish valuable information if she was so inclined. Photograph containing description and fingerprint classification attached to this memorandum.

Charley Johnson, now serving a sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, a bank robber, has a daughter named Goldie Johnson, either the wife or sweetheart of Jim Clark, bank robber who recently escaped from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas while serving a life sentence. Goldie is now reported to be with Jim Clark; that at the time Clark had been apprehended by the Sheriff's Department at Tucuman, New Mexico, he was the owner of a Plymouth Coupe and when he and Brady were taken to the penitentiary at Lansing, Goldie Johnson took possession of this coupe and same was stored at Helogany, Oklahoma at her home and until Clark recently escaped again. Clark came to Helogany, took possession of his car and Goldie also disappeared at the same time and has not been seen since. Photograph of Charley Johnson, number 54, obtained at the Sheriff's Office

is attached to this memorandum. Further information, if possible, will be obtained at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, regarding Johnson.

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George E. Carver, Special Agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit, now located at Tulsa, Oklahoma, was present when Captain Stewart and Detective Gardner gave Agent the above information, and Carver stated that he had a case against ex-convict Harley Bratten and one Homer Good, constables at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and both were indicted recently on a charge of accepting bribes and concealing information, which is a felony; that he believed both these parties had some very valuable information relative to Karpis and the Barkers and that gang; that they even know where Barker and Karpis are now located, or they could easily find out, and that Captain Stewart, Gardner and Carver believed a trade could be made with these two men and have them turn up Karpis and Barker. Carver believed that Karpis and Barker were now hiding out at Tom Hill's place at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, but had nothing to substantiate this belief.

Carver also stated that he believed George Turner, #4924, could furnish some valuable information if same was wanted.

Captain Stewart furnished Agent with photographs containing descriptions and fingerprint classifications of the following persons:

✓ Harry Campbell, alias Dave Campbell, Tulsa Police Department Number 1846.

✓ Fred Barker, Tulsa Police Department #3204; (Captain Stewart states this is a very good likeness of Fred Barker).

✓ Alvin Karpis, alias George Haller, Tulsa Police Department number 8908;

✓ Volney Davis, Tulsa Police Department #1025. This is an early photo.

✓ Arthur Barker, alias Doc, Tulsa Police Department #841; Oklahoma State Penitentiary registration #11906.

✓ George Kelley, alias "Machine Gun" Kelley, Tulsa Police Department #5298, now serving a life sentence in the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas in the Urachel Kidnaping matter.

Respectfully submitted:

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A. E. FARLAND, SPECIAL AGENT



6-1-34

Department of Police
City of Tulsa

No. 3204 ✓

Name Fred Barker Alias _____

Crime Specialty Bank Robbery

Date 2-10-34 Age 34 Hgt. 5'-5"

Wgt. 135 Build Slender Eyes Blue

Hair Chestnut Corp. F. Local F.P.O. B9-W-I-19

_____ 20-W-0-21

Marks & Scars Prominent gold teeth

62-27715-1267

6-1-33

2-11-20

Department of Police
City of Tulsa

No. 8351 ✓

Name Geg Thompson Alias _____

Crime Specialty Harboring

Date Feb 10-34 Age 34 Hgt. 6'-1 1/4"

Wgt. 156 Build Slender Eyes Blue

Hair Dark Brown Comp. Medium F.P.O. 1-0-II0-11

Marks & Scars Father J.E. Thompson 1-0-II0-12

Keifer Okla - B.C. Thompson - Brother

62-27715-1247



Name Belle Hatcher Department of Police City of Tulsa Alias Billie Malougo
 Crime Specialty Burglary
 Date 2-10-34 Age 20 Hgt. 5'-4 1/2"
 Wgt. 120 Build Medium Eyes Blue
 Hair Dark Auburn Comp. Fair F.P.C. 1-0-III-4
1-R-III-4
 Marks & Scars
Smear of Harry Campbell
Exp. Unit from Oklahoma State Pen
62-28915-1247

Name Gene Johnson Department of Police City of Tulsa No. 5842 ✓
 Alias _____
 Crime Specialty _____
 Date 2-10-34 Age 28 Hgt. 5'-7"
 Wgt. 125 Build Slender Eyes Light Brown
 Hair Dark Brown Comp. Sallow F.P.C. 1-R-010-6
1-0-110-12
 Marks & Scars
Wife of Gene Johnson Killed in Arkansas
62-28915-1247

4462
 Name Dorothy Layman Department of Police City of Tulsa No. 8012 ✓
 Alias Layman - Karpis
 Crime Specialty Wife of Alvin Karpis
 Date 2-10-34 Age 25 Hgt. 5'-7 1/2"
 Wgt. 145 Build Heavy Eyes Blue
 Hair Red Comp. Fair F.P.C. 17-W-0-17
1-R-1016
 Marks & Scars
Mother lives at Kiefer Okla
address Chicago Illinois
62-28915-1247



Department of Police No. SR98✓
 City of Tulsa
 Name Leo Kelley Alias Machine Gun
 Crime Specialty _____
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 35 Hgt. 5'-10"
 Wt. 170 Build Medium Eyes Blue
 Hair Chestnut Comp. Fair F.P.C. 27-W-0-
7-W-OI-13
 Marks & Scars _____
Serving life Federal Pen Leavenworth
Unsubl Kidnapping
62-28715-1247

Department of Police No. 1083✓
 City of Tulsa
 Name Earl Whinnery Alias _____
 Crime Specialty _____
 Date R-10-34 Age 32 Hgt. 5'-3"
 Wt. 135 Build Chunky Eyes Blue
 Hair Blond Comp. Medium F.P.C. 14-U-OI-
22-U-II-
 Marks & Scars _____
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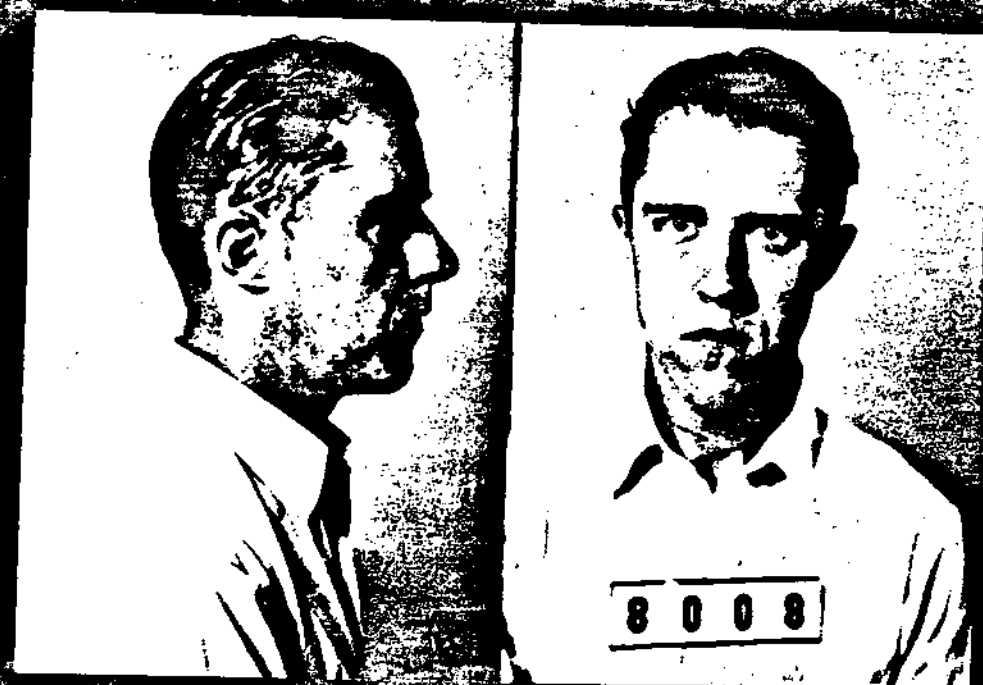
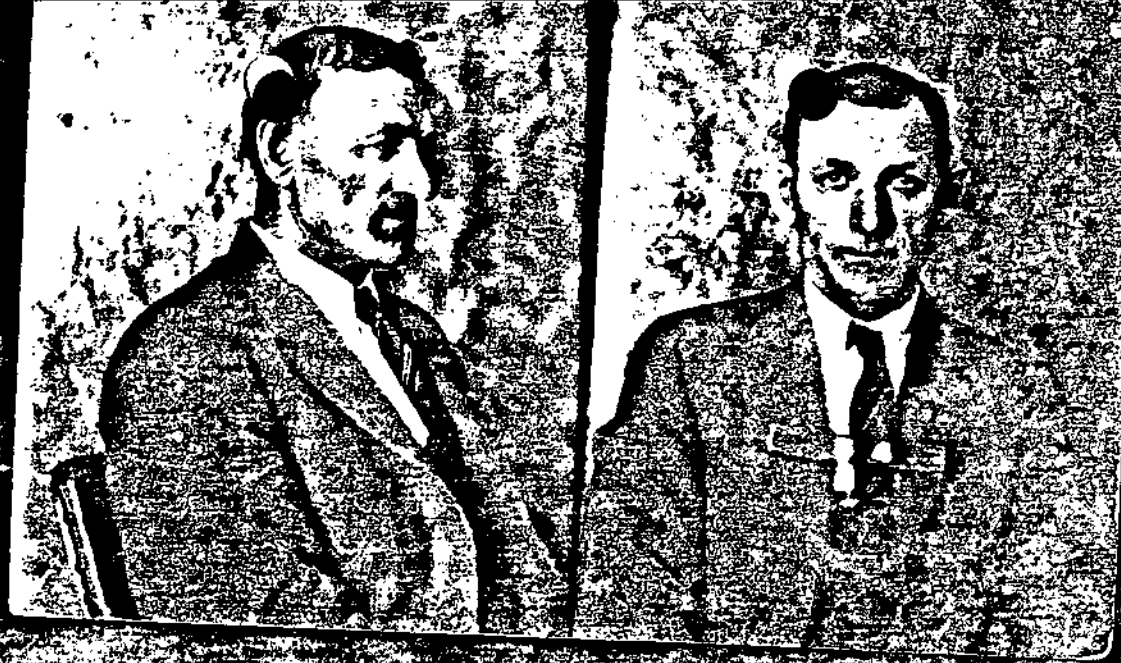
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 Department of Police No. 7916
 City of Tulsa
 Name Joe Howard Alias Earl Love
 Specialty Robbery
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 42 Hgt. 5'-8 1/2"
 Wt. 186 Build Slender Eyes Dark Blue
 Hair Brown Red Comp. Sallow F.P.C. 3-R-OI-16
17-O-17
 Marks & Scars Father Earl Howard Los Angeles
Cal- Mid West Hotel N.C. Mo
62-28715-1248



for Glen Ray Wright 3-25-37
 Rec'd. C.A. STATE PEN.
 From Tulsa
 Term 10yrs. (Ten-years)
 Crime Robbery
 Disposition C.D. 3-22-32
35 years old
 Previous Terms OSP # 11447
 DECOMPOSITION: Color White
28 (1927) Nativity Ark.
Age blue Hair dark brown
Eyes Complexion med Guilds slender
Weight 5-8 1/2 Height 129
Health Irreg. Occupation Plumber
Residence Tulsa, Oklahoma
Marks & Scars
Allen (Hk) Martin
F.P.C. 1-0-00-9
3-W-0-

01/1/40 50596
 Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 Name Harley Brattin Alias _____
 Crime Specialty _____
Det - 10 - 34 Age 34 Hgt. 5'8 1/4"
200 Build Slender Eyes _____
Dark Comp. Fair F.P.C. 1-R-II 14
1-R-IO
 Marks & Scars _____
Under indictment in Federal Court
62-29915-1247

for Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 Name Larry Whinnery Alias _____
 Crime Specialty Burglary
 Date 2-10-34 Age 31 Hgt. 5'8"
 Wgt. 150 Build Slender Eyes Gray Blue
 Hair Brown Comp. Medium F.P.C. 32 - M - 22
18-U-I-
 Marks & Scars _____
Generally drives car
62-29915-1247



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BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
SERIES OFFICE #57 TULSA, OKLA.

3-1-39

Date Apr 17 1939 F.P.C. 17 W I 15
 Name Charlie Johnson 17 U O 19
 Alias _____
 Age 50 Ht 5'6" Wt 149 C. W
 Hair Dark Eyes Grey Build Med.
 Complexion _____
 Marital Married

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3-1-39 Department of Police No. 8008V
 City of Tulsa

Name Alvin Karpis Alias Geo. Hallen
 Crime Specialty Robbery
 Date 6-10-31 Age 22 Pct. 5 10
 Ht. 130 Build Slender Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown Comp. med F.P.C. 1 R 5
U 8
 Scars & Scars _____

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3-1-39 Department of Police No. 8010
 City of Tulsa

Name Joan Aronow Alias Joan Scott
 Crime Specialty Associate of Fred Barker
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 29 Hgt. 5'-6"
 Wt. 115# Build Medium Eyes Brown
 Hair Red Comp. Fair F.P.C. 25-W-7
R-AT-13
 Scars & Scars _____

Ernestine Atkins mother Miami Okla
His Boy about 10 yrs hair left with her at
62-27915-1247



Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 No. 1846
 Name Harry Campbell Alias Dave Campbell
 Crime Specialty Robbery
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 34 Hgt. 5'-5"
 Wgt. 140# Build Medium Eyes Blue
 Hair Brown Comp. Medium F.P.C. 30-W-0-
 Marks & Scars Scar left eye - other 24-W-I-
818 So Rockford - sister Edith Majors
62-28115-1247

Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 No. (3963)
 Name Burrhead Cady Alias G.C. Campbell
 Crime Specialty Geo Kady
 Date Feb-10-34 Age 48 Hgt. 5'-10"
 Wgt. 175 Build Medium Eyes Green
 Hair Chestnut Comp. Floral F.P.C. 1-AAAC-13
 Marks & Scars Go between 1-AA2A
Ex convict Bootlegger
62-29915-1248

Department of Police
 City of Tulsa
 No. 7378
 Name Louis B. Webb Alias
 Crime Specialty Harboring
 Date Feb 10-34 Age 32 Hgt. 5'-10 1/2"
 Wgt. 143 Build Slender Eyes Light Brown
 Hair Brown thin Comp. Medium F.P.C. 32-W-IIM
32-W-MII
 Marks & Scars Webb will hide anyone
come out with this gang
62-29915-1247



VOLNEY DAVIS K4214



6-3-4
No. 4984
Department of Police
City of Tulsa
Name Geo. L. Turner Alias _____
Crime Specialty Bootlegger - Hijacker
Date 6-10-34 Age 38 Hgt. 6'-1 1/2"
Wgt. 185 Build Muscular Eyes Blue
Hair Dark Brown Comp. Dark P.P.C. 31-IM-R1
28-OM-20
Marks & Scars _____
Now under indictment Eastern
District - Okla. Partner of Geo. Kelley

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From Laboratory and
Single Fingerprint Unit

20 1934.

To: Director
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Appel
Mr. Renneberger
Mr. Schilder
Chief, Unit
Chief Clerk
☒ Files
Stenographer
Mr.

Memo & photos
detached for further
action here. Will be
sent to file in next
several days.

E. P. Coffey.

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 5, 1934.

Mr. James B. Parker,
Postmaster,
Quail, Texas.

RE: Vernon C. Miller (deceased);
et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
2/2/34 transmitting information requested by the writer on
his recent visit to your office.

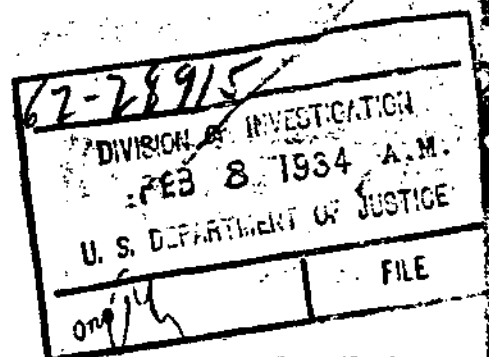
Please accept my thanks for your splendid coopera-
tion.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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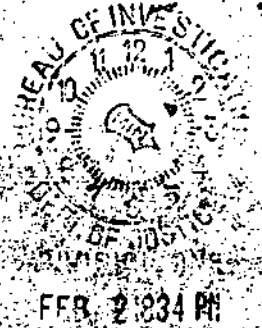


APPROVED FOR TRANSMISSION:

Sent 10:31 PM 2-4-34

Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Dear Sir:

RE: ^DVERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am in receipt of a letter from the Record Clerk at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, advising that after a search of the files, it is found that all handwriting and other records pertaining to Alvin Karpis, No. 7071, at that institution were forwarded to the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, at the time the prisoner was transferred to the latter institution. Therefore, there is no specimen of his handwriting available at Hutchinson.

It may be significant to note that Special Agent Farland discovered at the Kansas State Penitentiary that the files of Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker have apparently been stripped of all handwriting. This may or may not have been done in a malicious manner, but it is suspected that the convicts employed in the Record Room may have some connection therewith. An individual named Pale Anderson of the Record Room and another named James Lawson, the latter being mentioned in the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor in this case dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, are employed in the Record Room.

In connection with the letter from this office dated January 28th, pertaining to the same subject matter, you are requested to cause photostatic copies to be made of the documents secured from the Kansas State Penitentiary and forwarded to you, in order that the original documents may within a reasonable period of time be returned.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 5, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.



Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, deceased, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash.

Reference is had to recent telephone conversation from your office relative to a letter which had been mailed at Long Beach, California on January 26, 1934 by Mrs. L. Rains, 524 East State Street, Long Beach, to Mrs. Frank Leach, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, it being noted that Mrs. Rains is a sister of Richard Talman Galatas.

Immediate investigation was made at the Skirvin Hotel and the letter was still there, not having been called for, and Mr. and Mrs. Leach being unknown to the hotel management. From a confidential source it was ascertained that the letter read as follows:

Long Beach Calif -
Jan. 18, 1934
9:30 A.M.

"Dearest Ruth and Frank

"We were sorry to hear about Uncle Dacey hope it gets along all right. let us know when you hear from them you know they can't write very often -

"How do you like Dallas this time of year? we are having grand weather - I had to have skippy gased poor Richard felt so bad about it. So I told him we would let Cribbie Ann have some babies

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"Well believe it or not the whole Leach crowd came out Sunday afternoon. Ida Mae, Hugh and Gene were already here so fourteen of us sat down to a Dutch supper surely did miss you all hope they come often - Pat was with Rose Mary and Slim was working or there would have been sixteen - Rich, Bro and I have had colds - have had much sleep for four night if I'm not up with Rich it's Bro - and if it's not Bro it's me - so I'm just about ready to jump anyone that looks sideways at me -
"I've finally got the house looking livable again I've washed and ironed all the curtains even the side draps they washed like new - now I'm going to start on the yard then I'm going to lay off all summer and if I don't get started this morning summer will catch me sitting here -

"Lots of love and good luck

Angie

(On back of last page is the following:

"Received your letter after I had answered your card but will mail this now and write you again soon -

Love Angie "

It will be noted that reference in the letter is made to "Richard", but apparently refers to some child. The only seemingly mysterious thing about the letter is a reference to "Dallas", as though the addressee were living there.

Nothing is known here as to the identity of Frank and Ruth Leach. Arrangements have been made with the Skirvin Hotel that should the letter be called for, the matter of delivery will be delayed sufficiently to enable us to make appropriate investigation.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

BES:MT
62-4949

January 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Federal Building, Suite 2
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1901; et al.
Obstruction of Justice - Effort to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

Dear Sir:

Recently Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Special Agent H. E. Anderson, while conducting investigation in connection with this matter at Leroy, New York, placed a cover on all mail being received by the family of Lee H. Gady, 20 Lake Street, Leroy, New York, with the request that mail tracings be forwarded to this office.

I am enclosing herewith a mail tracing received from the Postmaster at Leroy.

The tracing reveals that the letter was postmarked Dresden, Ontario, Canada, January 20th, does not bear any return address, and was directed to Mrs. Lee W. Gady.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Building
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to the report by Special Agent W.F.
Trainer dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933.

It is requested that immediate and careful attention
be given to the undeveloped lead appearing therein for your
office at Beaumont, Texas.

The Kansas City Office is desirous of the most
vigorous and careful attention to all investigation in this
matter, and especially at this time such action is desired
with reference to the angle having to do with the Barkers,
Karpis, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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311 Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

February 6, 1934



FEB 7 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1278,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN⁰ GALATAS with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1201.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions furnished in Division letter dated February 5, 1934, copy of which was furnished to your office, Special Agent L. M. Riley interviewed Mr. Harold Young, located in Room 1006 Munsey Building, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Young, when informed of the information desired from him, furnished Agent Riley with a letter from the law firm of Moore, Gray, Burrow & Chowning, located in Room 1101 Boyle Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. This letter was dated January 31, 1934, and was signed by Mr. Lawrence B. Burrow.

Very truly yours,

C. G. SCHENCK, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

LMR:LL
cc-Kansas City
cc-Division
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Suite L. Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.
January 28, 1934.

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Fed. Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telegraphic request an inquiry was made at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Ks. where it was determined after a search of the files that there are no specimens of handwriting of Fred Barker, reg. 9836, or of Alvin Karpis, reg. 1539, except their signatures which appear on the document known as "Prisoner's Interview", made at the time of their receipt at the penitentiary. The original documents were secured by Special Agent A. E. Farland who reports that they may be used as long as necessary, after which they must be returned to the prison officials.

It is noted that Karpis also served at the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Ks. as reg. 7071 and the officials there are searching their records for more handwriting of that former prisoner, and if found same will be furnished to you.

A telegram has been sent to the Oklahoma City Office requesting that investigation be made at the State Reformatory, Granite, Okla. to secure all available handwriting of Fred Barker, who was register number 4079 at that institution, and that same be forwarded air mail to your office, if found.

For your information, Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc. Barker is reg. 11906, St. Pen., McAlester, Okla.; Volney Davis is reg. 12808, St. Pen., McAlester, Okla.; Harry Campbell is reg. 1846, Tulsa, Okla. Pen.

The documents bearing the signatures of Fred Barker and of Alvin Karpis are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

M.C. Spear, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

Per: W.F.T.

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P. O. Box 815,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Bldg., Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with
aliases (deceased) et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.
St. Paul file 62-888.

Referring to the report of Special Agent
W. F. Trainor dated January 29, 1934, wherein is
mentioned the probability that Bernard Phillips, I. O.
1196, might have been murdered in or near the Twin
Cities, please be advised that there is no record of
any unidentified man having been found dead in Hennepin,
Dakota, Ramsey, Washington, or Anoka Counties in
Minnesota.

Various members of the Police Departments of
St. Paul and Minneapolis have been contacted with
reference to this rumor and all profess to have heard
no such a report. In the event any further information
is received which might have some bearing upon this
question, your office will be promptly notified.

Very truly yours,

WERNER H. BLANK
Special Agent in Charge.

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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 3, 1934

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62-456

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
322 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon G. Miller, with aliases,
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, recently called at this office and stated that he has ascertained that the aged grandfather of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who lives near Sallisaw, Oklahoma, has lately about every week or ten days been in the habit of meeting the mail carrier about ten miles from where he lives; that he receives letters at this point postmarked "Ball Ground, Cherokee County, Georgia", and mails letters to one Roy V. Wright at that address. Chief Sims is of the opinion that these letters are to and from Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd owing to the secretive manner in which Floyd's grandfather receives and sends these particular letters. Sims could not give me any information as to the particular mail carrier who is alleged to be handling these letters. Chief Sims also stated that he had information that some of these letters were mailed at Canton, Georgia in the same county.

It is suggested that the matter be given such attention as appears appropriate with the view to the location of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

E. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City

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322 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

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February 2, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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Re: VERNON C. WILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALTAS, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; Et al
Obstruction of Justice- (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

Recently when Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agent H. E. Andersen were in Memphis, Tennessee, they requested that inquiry be made by this office concerning the person with whom Pat Cardelle Sturkey is now residing at Montgomery, Alabama. Attached hereto are duplicate copies of a memorandum that was submitted by Special Agent H. E. Roberts in connection with this case.

Upon the departure of Agents Brantley and Andersen from the Birmingham district they advised that arrangements have been made through Mr. Steele, Inspector of Police, Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, whereby one of his men, Mr. Kelly, mentioned in the attached memorandum is to endeavor to secure some information concerning Galtas' whereabouts. The Birmingham Office will continue to maintain contact with Mr. Steele for any information concerning the developments in this case and the Kansas City Office will be immediately advised.

Special Agent R. E. Peterson has advised that through Mr. Blaine Danley, Probation Officer, at Memphis, Tennessee, he has been informed that Danley's informant had advised that he had recently met one George Wallace, alias George Mason, a confidence man in Memphis and during their conversation Galtas was mentioned, at which time Wallace stated that a farmer by the name of Ali Farmer in Kentucky has a place which is believed used as a hideout for criminals and it is suggested that possibly Galtas is staying with Ali Farmer.

According to the informant, George Wallace knows Gallatas very well.

This information is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office for whatever action may be deemed appropriate. Nothing is known in this office concerning Eli Farmer or whether he is a relative of the subject Herb Farmer in this case.

Danley's informant is returning to Hot Springs and Little Rock, Arkansas, this coming week-end and has made arrangements to meet George Wallace there, after which time he may be able to secure additional information.

Very truly yours,

Encl.

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division (enc)
Okla. City. (enc)

MEMORANDUM FOR SAC

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases-
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; Et Al
Obstruction of Justice- (Endeavor to
deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Assistant Superintendent of Mails Perry, Montgomery, advised Agent that David W. Ballard, Postal Carrier #34, who carries mail to No. 5 Club View Avenue, is reliable and dependable; that he would recommend him for any information he might have and assured Agent that it would be treated confidential.

David W. Ballard, colored, Postal Carrier #34, was interviewed and stated that James L. Beech, has been residing at No. 5 Club View Ave., for about 4 years; that he was respected in the community and believed that he was very dependable; that he is a conductor on the L & N Railroad, or some other line in Montgomery, Alabama; that he has a son Gould M. Beech, who is studying at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa; that he is Editor of the University paper; that a daughter Delia Beech, attends Montevallo College, Montevallo, Alabama, and there is a son Jimmy about 12 years of age living at home with his parents. He stated that he has never delivered any mail to anyone other than members of the family; that he does not know anyone else lives with them; that they live in a very choice neighborhood and the houses are all fine and the people seldom have any roomers; that he does not believe the Beechs would rent any rooms to anyone.

Agent placed a cover on all mail that might go to Pat Cardelle Sturney, No. 5 Club View Avenue, with S. E. Pittman, Secretary to the Superintendent of Mails, for an indefinite time.

E. D. Steals, Inspector of Police, L. & N. R. R., was interviewed and advised that he treat anything mentioned as confidential. He stated that he is well acquainted with James L. Beech, who has been a railroad man for several years; that Beech at one time was Assistant Yard Master for the L. & N. Railroad Company at Montgomery, Alabama; that he is now a conductor on the best passenger and freight trains as an extra. He has made very good money for several years and owns his home and two or three pieces of property in Montgomery. He stated that Beech is the type of person who always talks a lot and always has very confidential information that he is passing on to his friends; that he does not believe that Beech could keep any information confidential; that he always comes around and is whispering something that no one else knows about and acts

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as though he is letting his friend in on a secret; that in many instances he cannot see that there is any reason to be so mysterious about the information; that Beech has not impressed him as being a logical person to confide in; that he is well acquainted with John Kelley, Sergeant of Police, on the L & N R. R. who works at Flomaton, Alabama, and resides at Pollard, Alabama; that John Kelley has been an officer for several years and at one time was a sheriff; that he has a reputation of killing several men in his career as an officer; that he is honest and trustworthy and is Mrs. James L. Beech's brother; that he has brought Kelley to Montgomery, in the past to assist in work and when there have been several box car burglaries he has called on John Kelley to ride trains in Montgomery; that Kelley is the type of officer who would arrest his own brother if he knew he was wrong and turn around and defend and put in a good word for him; that he would recommend Kelley as being honest and reliable and thoroughly trustworthy. He stated that whenever Kelley has worked in Montgomery, he has always stopped at the Beech home; that Kelly works under his supervision and if desired he will bring Kelley to Montgomery, and see if he can gain any desired information or he suggested that Kelley might encourage his sister Mrs. Beech to allow one of the Division Agents to live in her home under some pretense or other and treat same confidentially; that the Agent may stay with the Beechs if arranged by Kelley until purpose is accomplished. He stated that he would treat the interview confidential and never mention same to anyone; that he will cooperate with the Division in any way possible as suggested.

Agent drove past No. 5 Club View Avenue and observed that it is a large one story house that appeared to have possibly 6 to 8 rooms.

H. E. Roberts
Special Agent

JHH:BM
62-626

322 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama,
February 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office dated February 2,
1934 in connection with the above entitled case.

This is to advise that a telephone conversation was had on the
evening of February 2, 1934 with Mr. Z. D. Steele, Inspector of Police,
L. & N. Railroad Company at Montgomery, Alabama, at which time Mr. Steele
stated that Mrs. James L. Beech, 5 Clubview Avenue, Montgomery, at whose
home Pat Gardelle Sturney is living at the present time, has expressed a
willingness to cooperate in this case in every possible way; further that
it had been learned that Sturney had, according to Mr. Steele, inadvertent-
ly mentioned to Mr. Beech, who is not acquainted with the arrangements
that had been made in this case with Mrs. Beech, that he believed that
his mother was in Dresden, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Steele also stated that
Sturney said he had lived for several years in Dresden and that he had
attended school there.

Mr. Steele further advised that efforts to secure a photograph
of Mrs. Galatas had been unsuccessful. According to Steele, Sturney is
receiving no communications of any kind so far as it is known. Steele
also mentioned that he was giving this case close attention and that he
would advise me immediately should any further developments occur.

The above is to confirm telephonic conversation between Special
Agent H. E. Andersen of your office, and the writer, on the night of
February 2, 1934.

Very truly yours,

CC: Detroit
CC: Oklahoma City

CC: Division

J. H. HANSON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report from the Kansas City
Office by Special Agent Trainor, dated December 24, 1933.

It is noted from Page 3, paragraph 4, of that report,
that Galatas is a member of the Elks Lodge, Number 34, at Detroit,
Michigan. While it is understood that during recent months he
has probably not paid his dues, it is wondered whether or not
he is a member in good standing, and whether or not any recent
dues have been paid.

It is suggested that the Publisher of the Elks Magazine
might be aware of the present address of Galatas, if copies of
that publication are still being forwarded to him. Therefore,
an inquiry at the Detroit Lodge with reference to the mode of
procedure for the forwarding of such magazine to the various
members should be made and followed with such other appropriate
investigation as may be necessary.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR,
SPECIAL AGENT

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Confirming long distance telephone call made on the night of February 2nd by Special Agent H. E. Andersen, of this office, to the night clerk at your office, please be advised that a long distance telephone call was received from Acting Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hansen of the Birmingham Office to the effect that Pat Cardelle Sturney, in the Birmingham territory, stated to an informant there that his mother, Mrs. Betty Galatas, is now in Dresden, Ontario, Canada. In this connection your attention is invited to the report by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, dated at Detroit, Michigan, January 23, 1934, which indicates residence of various relatives of Mrs. Galatas at Dresden and vicinity.

It is quite apparent from the investigation in this case that Fugitive Galatas would be found with or near his wife, and it was indicated by Mr. Hansen in Birmingham that the remark made by Sturney appeared to be accidentally dropped since he has maintained to the informant that he is not in communication or touch with his mother, and that he had no idea of her whereabouts.

As indicated in Agent Andersen's telephone conversation to your office, it is requested that immediate and careful attention be given to this angle of the case.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Division
cc - Birmingham

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M. C. SPEAR, ACTING DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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SUITE 1. FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to the report from the Kansas City Office
by Special Agent Trainor, dated December 8, 1933, in the above
captioned matter.

On page three you will note mention under Lodge Affilia-
tions that Galatas is a member of the Sahara Shrine of the Masonic
Order, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Apparently some valuable information might be gained
through a careful study of all details in this connection at
Pine Bluff. Particular attention should be given to the personal
history and references offered by Galatas when he became a member
of the Shrine. The officers of the Shrine at Pine Bluff should
be carefully questioned to determine whether or not Galatas is
now in good standing in that Lodge, and any facts which those in-
dividuals have should be secured.

Also at Hot Springs, Arkansas, facts should be determined
through the Masonic Order, through Mr. Bill Seize, former officer
in the Masonic Lodge there, relative to the date when Galatas was
dismissed from that Lodge, if such is the case, as is understood.
It is requested that facts be determined as to when Galatas last
paid his dues and from what point. The same set of facts should be
determined at Pine Bluff in connection with the Shrine.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Division

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H. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
FEBRUARY 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
322 Federal Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, dated at Detroit, Michigan, 1-23-1934, and to paragraph 2, page 4, wherein it will be noted that a confidential informant at Memphis, Tennessee, is attempting to secure information with reference to the present whereabouts of Calatas.

While in Memphis recently this informant advised Agents Brantley and Andersen that he contemplated making a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, over the weekend, at which time he had arranged "to put on a little party with Lou Conner". It was his intention to buy her some liquor, which he advised would make her extremely loquacious. He expressed the opinion that when partially inebriated Lou Conner will furnish him with any information she may have regarding Calatas.

It is therefore suggested that Agent Peterson, of Memphis, contact the informant for any information he may have secured.

It is also suggested that Mrs. Birdie Mahoney Pearl, an acquaintance of Lou Conner, be again interviewed by Agent Peterson for any additional information she may have obtained.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
FEBRUARY 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hawes Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933.

There are enclosed for the personal attention of
Mr. Vetterli one copy each of photograph of Arthur R. Barker,
alias Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and
Alvin Karpis. These photographs bear the descriptions on the
reverse of each, and it is requested that Mr. Vetterli study
each photograph for any possible identification as likenesses
of any individual whom he may have seen participating in the
massacre.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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900 Kara Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
January 26, 1934.



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Postmaster,
Midwest,
Wyoming.

VERNON C. MILLER (DEC'D) et al.

S.L. File 62-474.

Dear Sir:

This Division is seeking to locate one Harry Campbell. Information has been received that approximately four years ago he married one Mickey RheinSmith, the daughter of Miss RheinSmith formerly residents of Casper, Wyoming, but who are said to have moved to Midwest, Wyoming.

Will you be kind enough to inform me if a RheinSmith family is now residing, to your knowledge, at Midwest, and if so can you discreetly learn and let me know the names of the members of the family, and their address. I am particularly anxious to know if Mickey RheinSmith is at Midwest and if not, where she is. If you can discreetly determine where she is I will appreciate it. It may be that she is no longer married to, or living with Harry Campbell.

I trust that you will be able to secure the information desired, and that you will handle the matter discreetly and confidentially.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.



Dear Sir:

RE:

VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to Los Angeles file 31-2114, entitled:
TED J. ROBERTS, alias JIM HAGAN, Margaret Roberts, with aliases,
Victim, et al, White Slave Traffic Act, and especially to the
report of Special Agent W. C. Robinson, dated at New Orleans,
Louisiana, March 2, 1931, in that case.

A confidential informant, now confined in the Jackson
County Jail at Kansas City, Missouri, advised that Benj. Frank-
lin Hagan, a brother of Jim Hagan, who was also named as a Sub-
ject in the White Slave Traffic Act case in question, informed
our confidential informant that Jim Hagan was driving a taxi on
June 17, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri, and that Jim Hagan had
seen and recognized one of the assassins, who killed the officers
here on that date.

It is noted that the investigation of the White Slave
Traffic Act case was closed without prosecution, as it was found
that the parties were married. The Kansas City file of that case
does not disclose that the relationship of Ted J. Roberts, alias
Jim Hagan and Benj. Franklin Hagan was discovered.

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At this time, Benj. Franklin Hagan is incarcerated in default of bond, charged in the Federal Court with having transported in interstate commerce from Kansas City, Missouri, to Overland Park, Kansas, Plymouth Coupe, Motor No. D-64003, the property of B. H. Warneke, 3341 Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. Benj. Franklin Hagan was found in possession of this car by officers of the Kansas State Highway Patrol. He offered an alibi, alleging that on Carl Smith had given him a ride in the car and was presumably the party who might have stolen it. The mother of Benj. Franklin Hagan, residing at 15 East 30th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, has recently advised, however, that she was not acquainted with anyone named Carl Smith, but that on the morning of December 7th, her two sons, Benj. Franklin Hagan and Jim Hagan, had left the house together.

The confidential informant has advised that Jim Hagan immediately left for California, when his brother was apprehended with the car. The informant also advised that the Hagans had stolen several Plymouth cars at Kansas City, and that such was the reason for the flight of Jim Hagan.

The report of Special Agent Robinson indicated that the father of Benj. Franklin Hagan then resided (1931) at 1509 Myrtle Avenue, Long Beach, California, his name being there shown as R. H. Hagan. It is also shown that the father of the Subject mentioned as Ted Roberts, alias Jim Hagan, resided at 1506 or 1509 Myrtle, Long Beach, California. The name of the father of Ted Roberts, alias Jim Hagan, is not mentioned in the report, but it is apparent from the facts shown that these are two brothers mentioned herein. Possibly R. H. Hagan, or whoever resided at 1509 Myrtle Street, Long Beach, California, is not the father, but some other relative.

The information contained herein as coming from the confidential informant should under no circumstances be disclosed to anyone. The informant advised that he had been closely associated with the Hagans, and through this confidential relationship secured these facts from Benj. Franklin Hagan, while in jail at Kansas City, and any disclosure of the same would reflect back on him.

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It is indicated through recent confidential disclosures that some of the Italian underworld at Kansas City might have been implicated in the actual slayings at Kansas City in this case. Hagan would have been in position to recognize individuals in this class.

To your office is suggested the question of determining whatever means may be available to best secure a statement from Jim Hagan. Cooperation of the Police Department in Long Beach might be secured, and his arrest effected on general principles. It is suggested that a casual interview with him would probably be of no avail, and when interviewed regarding the massacre, only discreet means should be used to lay the proper foundation, since he is known as a criminal character, and would probably not volunteer any information.

This office has reason to believe that the confidential informant is reliable, due to past experiences, however, the informant admits that he would not be certain whether or not Jim Hagan actually recognized one of the assassins, since same is hear-say to him. This office, however, regards the lead in question as being highly important, and it is requested that special attention be given same.

In connection with the White Slave Traffic Act case, mentioned herein, New Orleans file 31-1150, it is noted that a copy of the photograph of Jim Hagan is evidently in the New Orleans office, and it is requested that a copy of same be immediately forwarded to the Los Angeles office and to the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SPAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-New Orleans(1)
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P. O. Box #709
Portland, Oregon

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN
GALATAS, with aliases, -FUGITIVE,
I. O. # 1801, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

This will refer to my telegram to your office of the 10th instant and your reply of the same date with which you furnished photograph, description, and criminal record of Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker, Volley Davis, Harry Campbell, and Alvin Karpis. I telegraphed you for this information for the reason that I had received information which at the time appeared to contain some merit from one T. J. Andett who is in the county jail this city awaiting trial in Federal Court upon a charge of having violated the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Andett has twice before been in custody in Portland and charged and convicted of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. He was last sentenced in this district in 1928 to serve five years in a Federal Penitentiary and was incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He was released from Leavenworth in July, 1933, again took up his activity in stealing cars and was apprehended recently at LaGrande, Oregon in possession of a car which he stole and transported from Denver, Colorado.

Upon being transferred from LaGrande to Portland he made certain statements to the Deputy U. S. Marshal who had him in custody indicating he had some knowledge of the Kansas City killing which resulted in the death of former Special Agent Coffey and others. I accordingly interrogated him upon several occasions and he appeared to be reticent about discussing the matter. However he later indicated, while not committing himself definitely, that he was in a position to know something about the Kansas City matter. Upon pressing him closely with interrogations he stated to me that there were five men implicated in the killing which involved the names of certain men concerning whom no publicity had appeared in the newspapers. Continued interrogation gave rise to a statement by him that he had information that one "Dutch" Campbell was one of those who participated in the offense at the Union Station. He named the other participants as Joe Davis, a man by the name of Alton, first name unknown, Swede Benson, and one Murphy. He

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also stated that one Clarence Niel or Neal was also implicated in the killing and that Niel was at present he believed in custody in Oklahoma upon a bank robbery charge. He stated that it was his information that Niel may be in custody in Oklahoma City on such a charge.

After furnishing the above information he declined to discuss the matter further and I wired you for the photographs of the above named individuals who are referred to in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated December 27, 1933, at Kansas City. Upon receipt of the photographs I mingled them with other photographs and exhibited them to Audett. He indicated that he knew several of the individuals by sight and had knowledge of them but continued questioning brought little from him. He did, however, later indicate that he could identify the photograph of Harry Campbell and indicated further that he was the one referred to by him as "Dutch" Campbell. Upon further examination of the photographs he picked out the photograph of Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker and stated that he was the one known to him as Joe Davis.

Questioned as to how he could possess any knowledge of the killings at the Union Station inasmuch as he was incarcerated in the penitentiary at that time, he was reticent about enlarging upon that subject, but did claim that he had first become acquainted and associated with a daughter of the alleged Clarence Niel, referred to above, and through whom he learned considerable information. He stated that he knew as a positive fact that one of the guns used at the Union Station was a Luger "machine gun". He further claimed that he had some knowledge of what disposition was made of this gun after the killing but would not go into this matter further. This information about the use of a Luger is not consistent with the information available to this office with respect to the character of guns used during the killing.

Among the statements made by Audett were that his former connection with Frank Nash, stating that he was a cell mate of Frank Nash in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth for several months during 1929. This statement was made apparently with the knowledge on his part that it would be checked and it is possible that this part of his claim is correct. However it is suggested that your office might check the fact of Audett being a former cell mate of Frank Nash, which fact would of course place him in position to know something at least of Frank Nash and his associates.

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Audett further claims that on or about December 5, 1933 he was living at the Avilon Hotel, 609 East 9th Street, Kansas City, under the name of Teddy Elders and that he occupied either room 107 or 111. He stated that on or about that date he was returning to the Hotel late at night or early in the morning and was proceeding to his room when two men who were concealed in a room across the hall approached him and took a shot at him missing him entirely but stated that the bullet was lodged in the side of the wall. He stated that no report of this matter was made to the police but that the proprietor or proprietress of the hotel would have knowledge of the incident. He claimed that the alleged "Dutch" Campbell was one of the persons who shot at him and that the other one was Joe Davis. He further claimed that the reason they shot at him was that they suspected him of having "fingered" Clarence Niel on a state bank job and that they shot at him for the purpose of killing him out of revenge for having talked against Niel.

The above is the substance of all the information which has been obtained from Audett to date and the writer places little credence in any information given by him as he is a confirmed liar in all respects and has maintained his reputation for falsifying ever since he first became known to this office some eight or nine years ago. However in view of the fact that he picked out the photograph of Harry Campbell and named him as the person known to him as "Dutch" Campbell it is possible that some portions of his statement are correct although it is altogether probable that his entire knowledge of the affair is the result of gossip that spread around the penitentiary at the time of the killing. I would suggest however that you verify his claim of having been a former cell mate of Frank Kash and also have inquiry made at the Avilon Hotel to determine if the proprietor has knowledge of the incident referred to him as having occurred on or about December 5, 1933.

I might state that Audett in his discussion desired that every precaution be made not to disclose his identity as he expressed an alleged fear of being killed in the event it was learned that he had given any information concerning this matter. Notwithstanding the apparent unreliability of his statement it is requested that his desire in this matter be honored.

It is certain that Audett will receive a substantial sentence in connection with his present charge of violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and I would thank you to furnish this office the results of your preliminary inquiry concerning the contents hereof at

Kansas City, Missouri

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Kansas City in order that I may know whether there may be any credit
whatever placed in his statements in regard to the instant matter.

Very truly yours,

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G. G. SPZARS,
Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date DECEMBER 4, 1933.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-
tion:

Print Number	Name and Alias	Disposition
# ----	<u>§ 1-26</u> VIVIAN MATHIAS, aliases,	Sentenced in Federal Court, Chicago, Ill., to serve 6 months on charge of Harboring and Concealing Vernon C. Miller, for whom warrant had been issued, and to ONE YEAR & ONE DAY on charge of Conspiracy so to do, sentences to run concurrently & to be served, Federal Prison for Women, Alderson, West Va.
U.S. Marshal,	Vivian Mathew, Vivian	
Chicago, Ill.	Allen, Vivian Gibson,	
11/15/33.	Mrs. C. T. Hayes, Mrs.	
or	C. T. Hays, Clare Hayes.	
11/10/33		
# ----	<u>§ 1-29</u> EUBIE MOORE, aliases,	Ditto.
U.S. Marshal,	Mrs. J. Harris,	
Chicago, Ill.	Mrs. A. J. Williams	
11/10/33.		

This form to be submitted to the Bureau of Investi-
gation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were
forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information
as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges
from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

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Very truly yours
M. H. Purvis
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge
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P. O. Box 1878,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Jan. 29, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

RE: Vernon O. Miller, with aliases, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner,

In connection with the above entitled case, for the completion of your records and possibly for the use of the United States Attorney in further handling of the case in Federal Court, I enclose herewith a certificate of the Oklahoma State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, as to the death of Wilbur Underhill at McAlester, Oklahoma, on January 6, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Encl.
cc-Division

J. E. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SUITE 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 26, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER
(DECEASED) ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

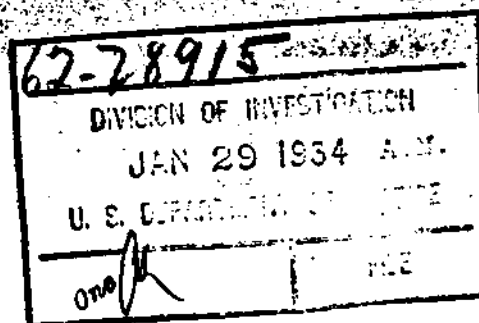
Please refer to letters from this office dated January 2 and 3, 1934, relative to a party named C. C. Carter, or Jack Carter, formerly in Kansas City, Missouri, and presumed to be at present frequenting Tyler, Texas.

A report reflecting all details of your investigation at an early date will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
411 United States Court House,
Portland, Oregon.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your telegram of January 10th and to letter from this office of that date, herewith were transmitted photographs of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, and others.

A report reflecting the details and basis of your investigation in the Portland District at an early date will be appreciated by this office.

Very truly yours,

E. L. SPEER, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1206 Law and Finance Building,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Dear Sir:

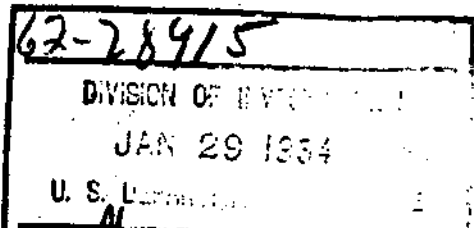
RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to your letter of December 20, 1933, relative to Walter Heisel, Jr., a former convict in the Kansas State Penitentiary. It is noted that you inquire whether or not Heisel is known to be connected in any manner with the instant case.

I am in receipt of information from the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, as follows:

"I wish to advise that he was our #9363 and that he was received from Riley County, Kansas on December 7, 1930, on a charge of Robbery, first degree, term, 10 to 21 years. He was transferred to the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on October 9, 1931, and re-transferred to the Kansas State Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, on April 23, 1932. Was paroled on September 7, 1932, and final discharge was issued on September 6, 1933.

While in the institution he corresponded with his mother, Mrs. E. P. Osann, 450 W. 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, with his father, Walter E. Heisel, Box 353, Juneau, Alaska, with a brother, Stanley Heisel, Route #1, Eaton, Colorado. While on parole, he reported for awhile from 3412 Virginia Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and at the latter part of the parole period, he was located at 306 S. Grand Street, Independence, Missouri.



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There is no record of any mis-conduct or any record of the reason for the transfer to the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas.

There is no information in connection with the instant case involving Heisel.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
January 22, 1934.

Judge A. S. Foulke,
State Pardon Attorney,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: Wilbur Underhill Reward.

The undersigned desires to file application for the \$350.00 reward offered by State of Kansas for the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, escape from Lansing State Penitentiary, and in support of my application will state that from about November 17, 1933 up to and including December 20, 1933, I devoted practically my entire time in search for this fugitive in an effort to "put him on the spot" so that he might be apprehended. I had previously been well acquainted with Underhill and his associates. During the period above mentioned I contacted Underhill several times but was not able to get word to the officers in time to cause his arrest until the night of December 29th, at which time I located him in a house at Shawnee, Oklahoma, and immediately advised Agents of the Department of Justice at Oklahoma City by telephone, and they with other officers, acting solely upon this information, wounded and captured Underhill on the early morning of December 30, 1933.

I incurred considerable expense traveling about the country and using an automobile on this job, and inasmuch as it was my information and mine only which resulted in his capture, I feel I am entitled to the reward offered and respectfully request that the same be forwarded to me. If my claim is allowed, you may remit check or draft payable to me in care of Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, P. O. Box 1276, Oklahoma City, Okla. Verification of my claim will be furnished you by Mr. R. E. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of Division of Investigation, Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

cc-Kansas City office.
cc-Okla. City office
cc-Director

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Jan. 23, 1934.

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Judge A. B. Foulke,
State Pardon Attorney,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

RE: Wilbur Underhill,
Escaped Prisoner.

At the request of [redacted] I enclose herewith his application for the reward of \$350.00 offered by the State of Kansas for the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, escape from Lansing State Penitentiary.

In order that you may be informed of the facts surrounding the part the claimant took in the apprehension of Underhill, you are respectfully advised that the writer came in contact with the claimant, who was formerly in the penitentiary in Oklahoma with Underhill, under a different name from the one signed to the application. The true name of the informant is not divulged for the reason that to do so might jeopardize his personal safety. This office enlisted the cooperation of informant for the purpose of causing the apprehension of Underhill and he was engaged almost wholly on that task from about November 19th until the night of Underhill's capture. He constantly exposed himself to danger in that if Underhill or his associates had learned of his purpose they would have undoubtedly murdered him. The informant constantly kept this office advised of all information discovered as to Underhill and in fact had him located a couple of times but was unable to get the information to us in time to make an arrest.

On the night of December 20th the informant was at the place of Lon Johnson, where Underhill had frequently visited, and during the course of the evening ascertained that Underhill was at a house in Shawnee, Okla. He immediately advised this office by telephone and in order to protect the source of information had himself and companion thrown into jail at Shawnee. Acting solely upon the information furnished by informant, [redacted] the writer organized a posse of officers, including State, City, and Federal agencies, and proceeded to Shawnee, where the apprehension of Underhill was effected under circumstances which are no doubt already well known to you, Underhill being severely wounded and from which wounds he died in January 6, 1934.

It is true that Underhill was not delivered to the Kansas State authorities, largely on account of his critical condition which would not permit his being moved that distance. This office was undergoing [redacted]

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expense of about \$150.00 per day in guarding him and as numerous mysterious threats had been received which indicated that efforts might be made to either kill or release him from the hospital, it was deemed most expedient to place him in McAlester Penitentiary, which was done and where he, in fact, died twelve hours after arrival.

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In conclusion, I would say that the apprehension of Underhill was due entirely to the efforts, persistent work and prompt action by the claimant, [redacted] and that if anyone is to receive the reward offered by the State of Kansas in this matter he is the one most entitled thereto. So far as I know, none of the officers participating in the raid desire to enter any claim, as those knowing the facts believe as I do. I, therefore, respectfully request that the claim of [redacted] be given consideration in the light of the above information.

Should there be any doubt in your mind as to the facts as above related, I would respectfully refer you to Detective Lieutenant C. O. Hurt and Detective Charles Myan, of the Oklahoma City Police Department, who are as familiar with these facts as is the writer.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.
cc-Division
cc-Kansas City.

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From: UNIT #1
Room 418

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To:

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*Is there any way of easily
 locating copies of Division
 letters to Colvin regarding
 payment of rewards?*
 R.P.H. V. W. Hughes
 Room 418.

REC:CEH
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January 29, 1934

Mr. R. H. Colvin,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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There has been called to my attention your letter dated January 22, 1934, addressed to Judge A. S. Foulke, State Pardon Attorney, State House, Topeka, Kansas, wherein it is noted that you transmitted an application for the reward of \$350 offered by the State of Kansas for the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, an escapee from the Lansing State Penitentiary, said application having been made by an informant of the Oklahoma City Office, referred to in your letter as [REDACTED]. Not only did you forward this application, but you went out of your way to enumerate reasons why the informant was solely entitled to the reward offered by the State of Kansas.

In this connection your attention is called to my personal letter, dated October 13, 1933, wherein I thought I made myself clear in the following quoted paragraph:

"I, of course, do not want any of the employees of this Division to make any recommendations with reference to the payment of rewards. I am extremely desirous of remaining outside of any such controversy. I realize, of course, that the person who offered the reward will seek information from you with reference to the part played by each of the claimants, and, of course, I desire that such information be furnished, without, however, any recommendation whatsoever. I desire that you exercise the utmost care in dealing with this subject, and I believe that you should acquaint the Division with any such request before responding to it."

In view of the above I fail to understand why you have taken the action reflected by your letter dated January 22, 1934 and I, therefore, desire that you immediately furnish me with an explanation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

1216 Smith Young Tower,
San Antonio, Texas,
February 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

VERNON O. MILLER (Deceased) et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to your letter of February 8, 1934, forwarding photographs of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis to this office for the purpose of ascertaining if it is possible that Agent Lackey can identify any of these individuals as being the persons seen by him at the Union Station on June 17, 1933.

Agent Lackey advises that the photograph of Alvin Karpis bears some facial resemblance to the man who was shooting a machine gun through the DeSoto Sedan parked on the right of Agent Caffrey's car. This man was, however, of stocky build and must have weighed in the vicinity of 170 pounds and had a florid complexion. It was this man who shouted "Up, Up, Up" and "Let 'em have it." This man appeared to be between 35 and 40 years of age, and wore a blue shirt and a turned down lighthouse or Panama hat. It is extremely doubtful that Agent Lackey could identify this man from his voice, as the words quoted above were in a voice obviously made strident by the stress of excitement. This was also true of the voice of the person who came to the left front door of Agent Caffrey's car, after the shooting, and exclaimed, "He's dead - they're all dead". Agent Lackey was unable to get a view of this individual and states that to the best of his knowledge all the information in his possession has previously been furnished to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

One T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge

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—One Crime Overlooked Invites Another

Floyd's Capture Long Overdue

By H. A. CROWE, Manager

William J. Burns International Detective Agency, Inc.

WHEN the New Deal was ushered in, bad men of the Southwest seemed unaware that they were to be in the least affected. As late as last Memorial Day eleven of the Kansas State Prison's desperate convicts and killers battled their way to freedom at great risk and with reckless disregard for the lives of prison employees. The thought uppermost in their minds was that they could regain and capitalize their freedom at the points of guns and rob banks of enough funds to finance their way to a bloodthirsty existence. But they did not stop to reckon with the new order of things criminal.

Time was when the occasional escape of habitual criminals, even in groups, aroused little attention or interest. As criminals became more daring, daylight holdups of banks and business institutions increased and the average citizen was too busy to realize the growth of organized crime and the perilous crime situation which developed. In some areas there was a lack of coordination on the part of law enforcement authorities to suppress crime, or keep convicts imprisoned.

Within fifteen days after their escape from Lansing, Lewis Bechtel, Frank Sawyer, Clifford Dopson and

Billie Woods were captured in widely separated hideouts. Two days later another band of desperate criminals swooped down upon Department of Justice agents and police officers at Kansas City, Mo., bent on liberating



CHARLES FLOYD

the notorious Frank Nash, who was being returned to Leavenworth Prison. Balked in their purpose, they shot to death or mortally wounded a Department of Justice agent and three police officers. Nash was also killed in the bargain. That ruthless battle waged without warning against officers of the law was the turning point in the challenge of desperate criminals to law and order. It also became a self-starter to

inspire not only the constituted authorities but the public as well to the necessity of united action and more aggressive support of law enforcement agencies. To that end Department of Justice agents, R. H. Colvin and Frank Smith, reinforced by other Federal operatives, also Stanley Rogers, Oklahoma County Sheriff, and a host of other police officers, including our agents, began a relentless pursuit.

To relate the activities of the seven escaped convicts who remained at large on June 17 would require much space for they traveled fast and furiously, leaving a trail of death, destruction and property losses in their wake. Briefly, the record showed that Wilbur Underhill and Harvey Bailey led the gang which kidnaped Charles F. Urschel. Albert L. Bates and George "Machine Gun" Kelly took time off from bank robbing to aid Underhill and Bailey. By the end of September Kenneth Conn had been killed by Altamont, Kans., officers and Alvis Payton had been shot and captured. Bob Brady and Jim Clark were captured on October 6 in Tucumari, N. M., but made their second escape from the Kansas State Prison at Lansing on January 19. Until this second break for freedom, Wilbur Underhill (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

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Carelessness Invites Theft

FAILURE to heed numerous articles in past issues of the Protective Section which exposed the modus operandi of sneak thieves, recently cost an Atlanta bank the loss of securities valued at \$3,600. The old telephone "gag" was successful despite its age and the publicity given it.

A "scout" loitering about the Atlanta bank apparently observed it was customary for one of the bank's stenographers to write receipts for securities soon after they were delivered. As she finished listing \$3,600 in Liberty Bonds she was called to a telephone on the desk of one of the officers. The caller informed her in agitated tones that he was speaking for a woman customer of the bank who had left her purse in the vault. He requested the stenographer to hurry to the vault to see whether the purse had been found, and if so, to take care of it until he could come to the bank.

The stenographer, completely taken in by the man's worried voice, rushed to the vault and made a thorough search. Of course, she was unable to find any purse and when she returned to her desk, she was also unable to find the bonds which had been lying on top of it before she answered the telephone.

Sneak thieves, when telephoning bank employees, use any of a number of plausible pretexts to take the employees away from their desks. Sometimes they pose as depositors who have left safe deposit boxes open or valuable papers on an outside counter. In excited tones, the employee is asked to investigate. In one instance, a crook posed as a secret service agent and requested an employee to make inquiries concerning a counterfeit \$10 bill which he had given to a teller by mistake. In every case, the object is to take the employee, who has just received securities or who has money or other valuable papers lying on his desk or counter, away from his station, thus affording the sneak an opportunity to filch the valuables.

In Minneapolis last fall instead of using the telephone, a crook appeared at the cage of a teller who was at lunch and called his name several times. Another teller left her station to wait

upon the supposed customer. While he engaged her in conversation, his accomplice stole securities which were lying upon the counter of her cage.

When stealing from a teller's cage, the actual thief is usually assisted by an accomplice who stands behind, obscuring him from view with a newspaper spread open. Both give the impression of waiting for the teller to return.

Bank employees too often have a feeling of false security simply because other employees are nearby. The dangers of such reliance were illustrated in a case where an officer's secretary was seated at his desk while a sneak thief nonchalantly annexed several thousand dollars' worth of bonds.

Because of the infrequency of reported sneak thefts as contrasted with forgeries or robberies, many bank employees fail to take precautions against such attacks. However, information developed subsequent to the arrest of HARRY LEWIS (3232), alias Harry Charles Parker, whose arrest in Milwaukee was reported on p. 5 of the December Protective Section, indicates that attacks by sneak thieves may be more frequent.

As previously related, Lewis was caught in the act of inserting a shotgun ramrod, the end of which was tipped with a wad of chewing gum, through the bars of an empty teller's cage in an effort to extract currency. In his possession were found a number of new five and ten dollar currency notes with numbers in sequence, which

he apparently "fished" from tellers' cages of other banks.

The fact that he had only \$90 on his person when arrested, points to the possibility of numerous other-bank sneak thefts being perpetrated which are not reported to us. In other words, thieves may succeed in poaching only a few bills without detection, causing the amount taken to be treated simply as a shortage or a mysterious disappearance.

Only by eternal vigilance and adoption of the precautionary practices so frequently urged in the Protective Section, can bankers hope to frustrate sneak thefts. A higher regard for the true value of securities and other valuable papers entrusted to their care instead of the careless attitude taken towards such papers by many bank employees, will be of material assistance. All bank employees are again warned to beware of any telephone calls received from persons who request them to leave their desks or cages for any purpose. Before leaving in response to such telephone calls, or for any reason whatsoever, they should be certain that everything of value entrusted to their care, has been locked up. Bank guards should be on the lookout for suspicious strangers loitering about the bank, especially persons standing before unoccupied tellers' cages apparently waiting for the teller to return.

Bank officials should see to it that every employee handling money or securities, familiarizes himself with recent warnings which have appeared in the following issues of the Protective Section: November, p. 3; March, p. 2; January, 1933, front cover.

Note Writing Forger Returns

THROUGH their modus operandi file and comparison of handwritings, our agents quickly identified forgeries recently reported by Atlanta, Houston, and Dallas banks as the work of a notorious forger, one CARL E. MANN (4393), alias F. Green, C. E. Mehaffey, etc.

Inquiry revealed that although Mann was sentenced to serve a five year term in the New Hampshire state prison during 1931, he had been re-

leased during June, 1933. Copies of his photographs rushed to the Burns' Atlanta, Houston, and Dallas offices were promptly identified.

Invariably this crook's attacks have been directed against attorneys' accounts. His scheme is to visit a lawyer's office, either alone or with an accomplice, after he has made certain of the attorney's absence by telephone calls. Upon entering the office he makes inquiry concerning the lawyer's

whereabouts, mentioning him by first name in order to create the impression of being a close acquaintance.



CARL E. MANN

When informed the lawyer is absent, he appears to be greatly chagrined, and requests permission to use the attorney's desk to write a note which he desires to leave. This permission is usually granted, and the crook, seated at the lawyer's desk, awaits an opportunity to rifle the desk drawers. At an unobserved moment, he quickly appropriates some of the attorney's blank checks and cancelled vouchers.

The notes left behind are usually short and pertain to some matter which the attorney is supposedly handling for him. Upon receipt of the notes, most attorneys are inclined to treat them lightly. Usually, the theft of the checks is not discovered until the following month when one or more forgeries are found among the cancelled vouchers.

*Cash
Three hundred*

Mann's forgeries are drawn for amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500. They are made payable to "Bearer," "Cash," or "Cash or Bearer," and bear such notations as "Fee and Expenses in Woods case," "Payment in full in Roberts case," "See Estate of Fowler, Closed 10/1/33," etc.

Either Mann or an accomplice boldly present the forgeries over the counter at the bank on which they are drawn. Although they sometimes bear two endorsements, little difficulty is experienced in securing cash because

many tellers are taken in by those high sounding and imposing words, "Cash" or "Bearer." In addition, the crook cashing the forgeries is well supplied with letters addressed to himself under the alias being used on the check, and other forms of identification.

Prior to his arrest at Manchester, N. H., during October, 1930, Mann operated throughout the United States. It is difficult to predict where he will strike next. Therefore, all banks are warned to be on the alert for any stranger who presents checks similar to those described above. If such checks are presented, the attorney depositors on whom they are drawn should be communicated with by tele-

and every effort made to establish the validity of the check and the identity and title of the presenter before cash is advanced.

Mann should be arrested on sight and our agents' nearest office promptly notified. He has been indicted by the Fulton County grand jury at Atlanta and a bench warrant for his arrest is held by the sheriff. Several articles concerning him were published in the Protective Section, the last appearing on p. 3 of the January, 1931, issue.

Mann is 33 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 150 lbs.; medium slim build, medium dark complexion, dark brown hair, light brown eyes. Fingerprint classification: (11) 1/1 U/U 000/000 14+/-.

Deals in Unlisted Securities

A WARRANT has been issued for the arrest of H. L. BARKSDALE (5172), a clever swindler last reported on p. 6 of the January, 1933, Protective Section.

Last June this crook was introduced at a Brewton, Ala., bank and opened an account. He said he was a broker dealing in unlisted securities and his business made it customary for him to deposit drafts on other brokers who made purchases from him. He said that properly transferred stock certificates and telegrams from his customers confirming the price agreed upon for the purchase of securities would accompany each draft deposited.

His first transaction with the bank was in accordance with the procedure outlined. The draft was accompanied by a telegram from the broker on which it was drawn confirming the price, and it was promptly paid. About a month later, Barksdale deposited a \$140 draft on the W. B. Parker Investment Co. of Birmingham, Ala., accompanied by a stock certificate and a Western Union telegram ostensibly sent by the Birmingham brokerage firm, confirming the purchase of the stock. A few days later he deposited a \$420 draft on the Northwest National Company of Phoenix, Ariz. This was also accompanied by stock certificates and a tele-

gram ostensibly confirming the purchase.

Because he had been introduced by another banker, and his first transaction had been satisfactory, Barksdale was permitted to withdraw almost the full sum standing to his credit which included the amounts of the two drafts as yet uncollected.

H. L. Barksdale

The Brewton bank soon learned to its sorrow that not only were the drafts worthless and the telegrams accompanying them forgeries, but the firms on which the drafts were drawn were actually non-existent.

As previously related, Barksdale defrauded a Dallas bank through the negotiation of spurious checks and worthless collateral. He opened an account with cash, kept it active for some time, then deposited a \$150 worthless check and drew against it before returns were received. He also obtained a \$50 loan on a New York railway corporation, 6% gold bond, No. 2517, due January 1, 1965, which he claimed was a bond of the regular issue worth \$750. Later it was identified as an income gold bond worth about \$15.

This crook will doubtless attempt similar frauds elsewhere. Members are urged to be on the lookout for him, and endeavor to cause his ap-

prehension if he puts in an appearance. A warrant for his arrest is held by Sheriff G. S. Byrne of Escambia County, Brewton, Ala., and any information regarding his location should be promptly forwarded to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 35 years old; height, 5 ft. 4 to 5 in.; weight, 120 to 125 lbs.; slim build; dark chestnut hair, nervous, neat dresser, makes neat appearance, former telegraph operator.

Courage Wins

THE recent holdup of an Adrian, W. Va., bank again illustrates that a courageous banker with no intention of giving up his depositors' funds without a struggle, usually causes a deep ochre hue to characterize the spinal region of the average bandit's anatomy.

Because the bank had only two employees, a cashier and his assistant, the bandits doubtless surmised it would be a "pushover." Entering the bank at about 1:30 P.M. on December 11, one bandit approached the cashier while the other walked to a writing desk. After attracting the attention of both employees, the robbers quickly covered them with pistols

and told them to put up their hands. While one robber remained at the cashier's window, the other went behind the counter and cleaned out the cash drawer.

After taking all the money in sight, this thug, who was holding his revolver in his left hand, stepped over to the assistant cashier and felled him with a right hand blow from a black-jack. He approached the cashier with the apparent intent of serving him in a similar manner but the latter whirled suddenly and the bandit went down under a well planted kick in the groin. The cashier quickly obtained a pistol from a drawer while the bandit beat a hasty retreat. Nevertheless, the cashier put four bullets in him before he could get out into the lobby. Despite his wounds, he and his accomplice escaped in a waiting automobile.

The cashier reloaded his pistol and gave chase in his car while his assistant telephoned for help. The wounded bandit was dumped from the get-away car about a mile from the bank and when examined was found to be dead. About four miles farther, his accomplice was captured by the local fire department and taken to the county jail by the local sheriff. Nearly all the cash stolen from the bank was recovered.

of course, the \$10 check bounced back marked "no account."

Previously Denney posed as a professor at the University of Wisconsin, and also as a principal of a high school in Niagara Falls, N. Y. When presenting his worthless paper he always claims to have lost travel checks or to have been robbed of all his funds.

Members are urged to be on the lookout for this petty crook and to detain him for questioning by local police if he appears. He may be driving a 1929 Pontiac coupe, motor No. P593189. We are advised that the sheriff at Los Angeles holds a warrant on a felony charge for Denney and a warrant has also been issued in Aberdeen, S. D. If he is arrested, the authorities in those cities, also our agents' nearest office, should be promptly notified.

Several articles concerning Denny have appeared in the Protective Section, the last being published on p. 2 of the November issue.

Description: 45 years old; height, 5 ft. 6¼ in.; weight, 179 lbs.; medium slender build, thin medium dark chestnut hair, hazel eyes, medium sallow complexion, born in Plato, Mo. Fingerprint classification: II/M 1/1 Ur/Rr 15/16.

"Touching" Tales

THE fake educator, ROBERT LEE DENNEY (5348), alias C. L. Kranz, H. B. Carter, D. F. Black,



ROBERT LEE DENNEY

Harry Collins, Harry Rollins, R. A. Daily, J. A. Cooper, D. E. Baden, etc., now tells a new hard luck tale.

His latest victim, a bank at Temple, Texas, reports that Denney claimed he was a resident of Olympia, Wash., and had left there to go to the World's Fair in Chicago. He said he owned property in Laredo, Texas, which was being handled by a local real estate agent, who had represented to him that the property was not rented. He found it occupied and upon taking the matter up with the tenants, found that they had been paying their rent regularly. He said that he was going to walk in on the agent and surprise him. Then he requested the bank to cash a \$10 check on the First National Bank of Seattle. He said he had left a book of travel checks in a filling station at Wichita Falls, Texas, and that because the following day was a holiday, he could not obtain money by telegram. He was accommodated and,

The Fraternal Forger

ALTHOUGH apparently inactive for a short time following the publication of an article concerning him, on p. 3 of the August, 1933, Protection Section, HOMER WATKINS (3433), alias Homer Baker, Charles Wheeler, C. E. Spencer, W. M.



HOMER WATKINS

Longbrake, C. E. Wilson, Orin E. Baker, etc., is still up to his old tricks with fraternal order checks.

THE effectiveness of the Protective Section in assisting in the apprehension of wanted crooks was again demonstrated in the case of C. D. NELSON (5356), alias G. D. Nelson,



C. D. NELSON

Downing Nelson, George Dallas Nelson, etc.

This swindler's arrest on January 5 at Bowling Green, Ky., was caused by an alert banker after he had found Nelson listed on p. 8 of the October Protective Section. Nelson had visited the bank and told his usual tale of being a representative of an insurance company who was opening a local branch office. He tendered a check for \$610 on a Chicago bank with which he desired to open an account, and then requested an advance of \$25 against the item. He was informed that cash could not be advanced unless he could secure the guarantee of some local person. He mentioned the name of one of the bank's customers and the bank promised to communicate with this party and give Nelson the cash if the customer would guarantee the advance.

Nelson left and the banker, whose suspicions had already been aroused, wired the Chicago bank and learned that the item drawn on it was fraudulent. He then found Nelson mentioned in the October Protective Section and immediately secured the assistance of local police. They began to search for Nelson and found him at a railroad station shortly before a train arrived.

After the capture the bank wired our agents, requesting that the persons wanting Nelson be notified. Our agents notified several banks of the crook's arrest, including a bank in

Louisville, Ky., and Nelson was turned over to the Louisville authorities. If this crook is identified in connection with other crimes, detainer warrants should be forwarded to Chief of Detectives M. Rey Yarberry at Louisville.

Description: 45 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 199 lbs.; medium complexion, black hair, gray eyes. Fingerprint classification: 1/1 aAa/Ra 6/.

AN attempt to pass a worthless check on a Greensburg, Pa., bank was responsible for the recent arrest of JAMES P. HASKINS (5516), alias James A. Wells, John Albert Wells, James Allen, Frank A. Wilkins, Walsh, Welsh.

James P. Haskins

The item he tendered was drawn upon the Peoples Pittsburgh Trust Company, payable to the Greensburg bank for \$3,000, and signed "James P. Haskins." When the bank refused to advance cash on this check, he left it for collection. The Greensburg bank immediately telephoned the drawee, learned the check was worthless, and caused Haskins' apprehension. He has been returned to Pittsburgh and held for investigation.

Haskins also negotiated for the purchase of a restaurant, giving the owner



JAMES P. HASKINS

a check for \$3,000 in payment. Shortly afterwards he returned to the restaurant, informed the owner there were too many debts against the restaurant and that he would not purchase it.

Following his arrest a check of his fingerprints revealed he had served a

at Philadelphia for larceny.

If Haskins is identified in connection with any other crime, full details should be promptly forwarded to our agents' nearest office, and they will advise where detainer warrants should be filed.

Description: 49 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 1/4 in.; weight, 140 lbs.; slim build, black-gray hair, brown eyes, medium complexion. Fingerprint classification: 9/3 UOO/-M 15/14.

Cashiers' Check Specialists

THREE Houston, Texas, banks recently reported the receipt from various points of cashier's checks ostensibly issued by them. Two types of fake forms have been drawn on the Houston National Bank, apparently by different operators.

The ones being cashed by G. M. GRAY (5521) are in amounts of \$10 and \$20 and have been received from various Texas

G. M. Gray

towns. They are printed on yellow safety paper and have a cut of a building reproduced at the upper left. This is not a reproduction of the building which houses the Houston National Bank. The bank name appears at the top in large black type and the words, "Cashier's Check" are printed in red ink at the lower left. The items are filled out with a typewriter and check-writer and are numbered in the upper right. They bear an incorrect transit number but are signed with a name similar to that of the Houston National Bank's cashier.

The other form purporting to be issued by the Houston National Bank, was evidently passed in Kansas City by one

Claude Williams

CLAUDE WILLIAMS (5522). This check is also printed on safety paper, but no cut of a building is reproduced on it. It is numbered 68511 at the upper right, and the bank name followed by the correct transit number is printed at the top. The words "Cashier's Check" appear at the lower left, and the item is signed "J. H. Garrett, Cashier." This is not the name of the Houston National Bank's cashier. The face of the check is filled in with a pen, but a check-writer is used to insert the written amount. It is made payable to Williams for \$87.

The checks on the City Bank and Trust Company of Houston are printed on light pink safety paper and bear the correct transit number for that bank. They are signed with the correct name of the cashier. Two of these items recently received are for \$25 and were evidently passed on Houston mer-

During October, Watkins was in Joseph, Mo., where he passed a forged check ostensibly issued by the I. O. O. F. lodge at Caldwell, Ohio, drawn on the Noble County National Bank of Caldwell. He is more recently reported as having visited various points in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas, leaving a trail of forged paper in his wake.

His latest checks purport to be issued by the Alexander Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 224, on the First Bank and Trust Company of Cairo, Ill. Most of them have been drawn for \$12 each and bear notations to the effect that they are issued on the order or for the account of Sturgis, Ky., lodge No. 307, or Marshall, Texas, lodge No. 13. They are genuine checks of the Alexander lodge which were stolen from the checkbook of the organization, either by Watkins or an accomplice. Eighteen in all were taken and so far thirteen have been cashed. In addition to these, Watkins also has in his possession checks of the Sturgis, Ky., lodge I. O. O. F. Fourteen of these were stolen, but we do not know how many have been cashed. We understand that when cashing the checks,

Watkins exhibits a membership card of the Sturgis, Ky., lodge.

Since 1927, Watkins has been active in the negotiation of forged lodge checks. Apparently he prefers to use forged checks on various I. O. O. F. lodges, but has also passed checks on other fraternal organizations. He has a lengthy criminal record and served terms in the Missouri, Washington, California, Colorado, and Texas state prisons.

This man should be arrested on sight as he is wanted in several places and warrants have been issued for him. Since most of his checks are passed on merchants, they should be warned of his operations wherever possible and urged to cause his detention if he puts in an appearance. Our agents' nearest office should be furnished with any information regarding his whereabouts.

Description: 53 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 155 lbs.; medium stout build, chestnut hair, blue eyes, medium complexion, musician; born in Alliance, Ohio, has initials "H. B." tattooed on right forearm. Fingerprint classification: 1/17 R/U OO/OO 10/8.

from the county jail at Okmulgee with four other prisoners. Any information leading to his whereabouts should be promptly forwarded to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 29 years old; height, 5 ft. 7½ in.; weight, 145 lbs.; blue eyes, blond hair. Fingerprint classification: 32/32 W/W IM/OI O/I.

EARL JOINER (5518), alias Bob Rhodes, Earl Joyner. Bank bandit. This criminal, who was implicated in



EARL JOINER

several southwestern bank robberies, is again at large, having escaped on December 30 from the Houston county jail at Crockett, Texas.

Several months ago, Joiner and ten other prisoners fled from the state prison farm at Angola, La., but on September 20, 1933, he was rearrested at Hot Springs, Ark. He was returned to Texas, tried and convicted on bank robbery charges, and sentenced to serve forty years in the Texas state prison, but was being held in the Houston county jail pending questioning about other bank holdups.

Information regarding his whereabouts should be forwarded to Sheriff J. L. Hazlett at Crockett, Texas, the state farm at Angola, La., and our agents' nearest office.

Description: 26 years old; height, 5 ft. 11½ in.; weight, 167 lbs.; fair complexion; occupation, carpenter.

A REWARD of \$500 has been offered by Warden Elmer J. Leach of the Newcastle County Workhouse, Wilmington, Del., for the arrest of THOMAS KELLY (5519), who escaped on September 18, 1931.

Description: 29 years old; height, 5 ft. 8½ in.; weight, 134 lbs.; brown hair, light blue eyes. Fingerprint classification: 1/1 U/R IO/IO 12/14.

Bandits Wanted



TOMMY CARROLL

TOMMY CARROLL (5517), alias Frank Slone, Frank Sloan, James Ray Bock, "St. Paul Tommy." Bank bandit.

This man has been identified in connection with the holdup of a Brainerd, Minn., bank and indicted. He is wanted by the Sheriff at Brainerd and any information regarding his location should be forwarded to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 37 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 166 lbs.; medium

build, light blue eyes, dark chestnut hair, medium complexion, prominent cut scar on lower-right jawbone, mouth turns to right. Fingerprint classification: 9/6 U/U OO/OO /23.

CLARENCE ENO (5501). Bank bandit. Suspected of participation in a number of western bank robberies.



CLARENCE ENO

Eno was arrested on November 10 at Sapulpa, Okla. On November 25, after overpowering the jailer, he es-

chants by EARL BOURG (5523) to whom they were made payable. These two checks are numbered 127091 and 127092.

The fourth type of check was apparently passed in New Orleans by one J. R. ELLIS

J. R. Ellis

(5524). This item purports to be a cashier's check of the National Bank of Commerce of Houston. It is believed to be one of their regular counter checks on which the words "Cashier's Check" have been imprinted at the lower left. The words "Counter Check" do not appear on the item, but we understand that this form of check was in use by the Houston bank prior to the adoption of a counter receipt. The item is printed on light blue safety paper and the printing on the check is also blue. The words "Cashier's Check" at the lower left are printed with a shade of blue which harmonizes with the rest of the item. It is numbered 24972, filled in with a typewriter and checkwriter and signed "C. A. Palmer, Cashier." It is made payable to Ellis for \$50.

Although merchants are apparently the only victims of the crooks passing these checks, southern members are warned to be on the alert. Wherever possible, merchants should also be urged to be on the lookout for them.

We have received a description of only one of the passers, G. M. Gray. He is 35 to 38 years old; height, 5 ft. 7 or 8 in.; weight, 150 lbs.; medium build, medium complexion, neat dresser.

J. B. JOHNSON (5526), alias C. R. Adams. Forged cashier's checks; Richmond and Baltimore.

The Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville reports that it recently received several checks which purport to be cashier's checks of that bank. All are drawn for \$25 and have been made payable to a swindler under the aliases listed above. The correct name of the assistant cashier of the bank is signed on these checks, but no attempt has been made to simulate his signature. The form used bears no similarity whatsoever to the genuine cashier's check of the Barnett National Bank. Members are warned against cashing this bad paper.

CHAS. WATSON (5527). Bogus cashier's check; Batesville, Miss.

A \$10 check made payable to this operator and purporting to be a cashier's check of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Dumas, Ark., was recently received by that institution. It is printed on green safety paper, bears the bank name at the top, and is numbered 1245 in the upper right corner. The words "Cashier's check" appear in red ink at the lower left, and the item is signed "G. E. Carter, Jr., Cashier." Since the drawee states that this item is totally bogus, southern members are warned to be on the alert for similar paper.

J. ELLIS (5530). Worthless drafts; Tampa, Fla.

Claiming to be well acquainted in Tampa and with funds on deposit in a building and loan association at Calgary, Canada, which he would receive within a short time, this operator deposited a draft for \$122 on the Bank of Montreal, Calgary, Canada, in a Tampa bank. Because of his allegations concerning his finances and his acquaintances in Tampa, he was permitted to make a withdrawal against the uncollected item. Later the draft was returned by the drawee with information that the drawer was unknown but had victimized banks in many cities, using pass-books of various other institutions.

The Tampa bank reports that Ellis is apparently traveling north along the Atlantic coast as he was in Georgia and South Carolina recently.

Description: about 40 years old; height, 5 ft. 6 in.; weight, 140 lbs.; brown or dark brown hair, appearance frail and rather effeminate, claims to be a World War veteran.

J. F. KARNES (5532). Bad paper in Texas. Most recently reported from Fort Worth.

A Marshfield, Ore., bank which took over the American Bank of Marshfield about two years ago, advises that they have received between fifteen and twenty checks signed by Karnes which they have been forced to return marked "no account". The latest check was one received from Fort Worth, which is signed by Karnes and drawn for \$151.

Southwestern members should be on the alert for Karnes.

FRED MOORE (5534), alias Ray Moore, Fred Hudson. Forger. Reported from Oklahoma.

This man stole a number of draft forms from the Fairmont Creamery of Guthrie, Okla. They bear the firm name at the top and the words "To the Fairmont Creamery Co., Guthrie, Okla." in the lower left corner. They are numbered in the upper right corner, the specimen at hand bearing number 1429. It is drawn for \$5.85 and signed "Mrs. E. Thurmon, for the Fairmont Creamery Co."

Moore has been passing these checks at drug stores and filling stations throughout Oklahoma. He is accompanied by a woman and is traveling in a model T Ford.

Description: 34 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; brown eyes, right eye glass, gray hair; has a star tattooed on left forearm; has appearance of being a farmer.

L YNN EDWARD PLUMMER (5506), alias Harry Osage. Forger.

This man was arrested recently in St. Louis and was returned to Kansas City. He was formerly employed by the Gold Dust Corporation and, while in their employ, evidently stole some of their blank checks. One was passed on a Kansas City hotel.

If he is identified in connection with any other crimes, full particulars should be forwarded to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 31 years old; height, 5 ft. 8

WARNINGS

D. C. BRASSEL (5508). Forged checks; Wilkesburg and Pittsburgh, Pa.

This operator recently passed two small checks on merchants, which were drawn on the Wilkesburg Bank of Wilkesburg, Pa. They were signed with the name of a clergyman depositor in the Wilkesburg

D. C. Brassel

bank, but no attempt was made to duplicate his signature. Brassel made small purchases which he claimed were for church supplies, then he tendered the checks and received the differences in cash.

Merchants should be warned to be on the alert for him.

LAWRENCE C. DARBY (5510). Bogus checks in Philadelphia.

Calling at a Philadelphia bank, Darby said that he desired to transfer an account which he carried with the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. He claimed that he intended establishing an auto graveyard in Philadelphia, and displayed correspondence addressed to himself and an automobile license giving his address as Camp McKee, Montpelier, Vt. His initial deposit was a \$6,000 check drawn on the Boston bank, and he was inadvertently given a checkbook of the Pennsylvania

institution. Later, it was learned that he had no account with the Boston bank and did not reside at the address given. He defrauded a local hotel with a \$15 check on the Boston bank, and may attempt to negotiate the checks he obtained in Philadelphia.

Description: 40 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; weight, 135 lbs.; dark brown hair, clean shaven; teeth in bad condition, one front upper right tooth missing; index finger of left hand apparently deformed; when last seen, was wearing a dark suit, dark blue overcoat, and a black velour hat.

R. D. DIEHL (5529). Check swindle; Payne, Ohio.

Because this man formerly resided in Payne, a local bank gave him funds for a check which he drew on the Seventh and Witmer Branch of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles. The Los An-

R. D. Diehl

geles bank returned it because they were unable to locate Diehl's account. He had not resided at an address which he gave on the check for several months.

Description: 36 years old; tall, light hair, light complexion, speech is defective.

in.; weight, 142 lbs.; medium slender build; dark blond hair, yellow blue eyes, medium complexion. Fingerprint classification 11/18 R/U 7/15.



LYNN EDWARD PLUMMER

L. S. RAINER (5535). Check swindle; Washington, D. C.

This operator called at a Washington bank and filled in a deposit ticket for \$250. He handed it and a check for that amount on the Fifth Avenue Bank of New York, signed E. W. Lallia, to a teller. After making the deposit, he left the window, went to a counter and drew a counter check for \$60. He presented this to the same teller and because of the deposit which he had just made, was given the cash without question.

The New York item was returned marked signature unknown.

Description: 60 to 65 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 in.; gray hair, bushy eyebrows, rather stout, and appeared to be feeble. He was dressed in a light tan suit, light gray overcoat and hat.

Stolen Travelers Cheques

TWENTY-FIVE hundred dollars in American Express Company travelers cheques were taken by the bandits who held up the Dan Strubler and Son Bank of Fredericktown, Ohio, on December 30. The numbers and denominations of these cheques follow:

27 \$10 cheques, numbers S8755383 to S8755409, inclusive;
50 \$10 cheques, numbers S9559870 to S9559919, inclusive;
14 \$20 cheques, numbers T2403446 to T2403459, inclusive;
30 \$20 cheques, numbers T2807400 to T2807429, inclusive;
17 \$50 cheques, numbers T2755023 to T2755039, inclusive.

If any of these items are presented at your bank, detain the presenter for questioning by local police and immediately notify our agents' nearest office, also Mr. D. E. Richer, inspector, American Express Company, 65 Broadway, New York.

C. TOOLE (5536). Bad checks in Ohio and elsewhere.

We are advised that for several years, this man has drawn checks for petty harmony amounts on the Springfield Trust Com-

pany of Springfield, Mass. This bank is non-existent and the Springfield Safe Deposit and Trust Company does not carry Toole's account.

According to information furnished us, Toole is an alumnus of Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Me. His football activities during his college days are supposed to have made him a well known athlete. Because of his prowess, it appears that he is known to many of the alumni of Bowdoin, even though they never met him personally. Apparently he is trading in on his reputation by having various graduates give him cash for \$10 or \$15 checks which prove to be worthless.

MAX WEILLER (5537). Worthless draft; Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

A man using this name called at a Coeur D'Alene bank and left for collection a \$2,500 sight draft on the M. G. Ripley Hide & Fur Co., payable at Bank of America, Los Angeles, Cal. The Idaho bank was sus-

Max Weiller

picious of the item and wisely refrained from advancing any funds against it. Subsequently it was returned by the Idaho bank's correspondent with the information that neither the drawer nor the drawee were known to them, and that they were unable to secure any information concerning these persons.

W. D. BELL (5525). Bogus cashier's check; San Francisco.

This fake form passed at a San Francisco restaurant purports to be a cashier's check of the Seventh and Wetmore branch of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles. It is printed on safety paper with the bank name at the top. The words "Cashier's Check" appear in the lower left corner and the item is signed "J. E. Morrison, Authorized Signature." It is numbered 986333 in the upper right corner, made payable to Bell for \$45 and filled in with a checkwriter.

The drawee reports that this check is

similar to several others which they have seen and all are entirely spurious. They have one in their employ named J. E. Morrison.

Description: 45 to 50 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 135 to 140 lbs.; slender build, small mustache.

Floyd's Capture Long Overdue

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and Ed Davis were the last of the eleven fugitives at large.

Underhill's luck was good while he and his newly recruited accomplices robbed banks after the kidnaping of Urschel, but the authorities never lost the trail. Underhill's luck deserted him, however, during the early morning hours of December 30 at Shawnee, Okla. A posse of officers surrounded his hideaway and when he opened fire they shattered his body with bullets. A few days later his death spelled "finis" to another outlaw. Bob Brady also preferred death rather than capture and was killed by Kansas authorities on January 22 near Paola.

Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the leading terror of the Southwestern and Middlewestern States, was probably smart enough to see the handwriting on the wall, for he has been inactive during the past six months. Nevertheless, he is still a young man and during his hectic career in crime he has robbed some forty banks and murdered no less than a half dozen peace officers. If he never robs another bank, Floyd should head the list of criminals to be hunted, and he must be captured to repay his huge debt to society and avenge the cold-blooded murders of police officers.

Arrests and Dispositions

THE detailed record of arrests and dispositions is omitted due to lack of space, but the figures are taken into account in the following table:

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial Sept. 1, 1933	Arrests			Dispositions			Awaiting Trial Jan. 1, 1934
		Reported Since Aug. 31, 1933	Reported in December, 1933	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitives Escaped, Insane or Dead	
Forgers, etc.....	37	20	5	25	16	5	1	40
Burglars.....	18	0	0	0	3	1	0	14
Bandits.....	115	48	22	70	66	14	4	101
Sneak Thieves...	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total.....	171	68	27	95	86	30	5	155

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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KANNO BRADY HAS SISTER MRS JEMIE GRIZZLE STOCKTON MISSOURI

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TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
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NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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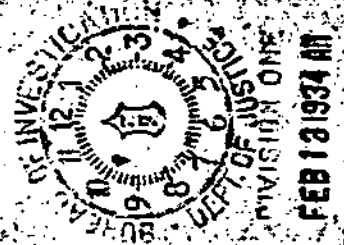
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**KANSAS DEPUTY SHERIFF PAOLA KANSAS LATE THIS AFTERNOON KILLED
BRADY NEAR PAOLA KANSAS RESISTING ARREST AND APPREHENDED YOUNG CODY
AND MCMAHAN STOP LATTER THREE TOGETHER WITH BRADYS BODY BEING RETURNED
STATE PENITENTIARY LANSING STOP MCARTINUR APPREHENDED KANSAS CITY
MISSOURI YESTERDAY BY LOCAL POLICE AND RETURNED STATE PENITENTIARY.**

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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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Detroit, Michigan.
January 22, 1934.

E E Conroy
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
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KARLO BRANTLEY AND ANDERSON PROCEEDING MEMPHIS TONIGHT ADDRESS CLARIDEX HOTEL
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New York City.

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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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KANSAS CITY, MO.

KANMO LETTER MAILED JANUARY TWENTY NINTH BY MRS. CADY LEROY NEWYORK
ADDRESSED GEORGE W. SMITH VULCAN ALBERTA CANADA

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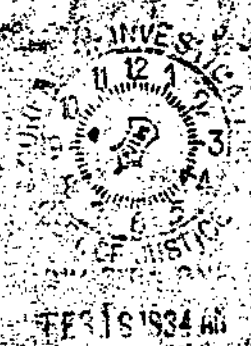
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JANUARY 12, 1934.

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue,
Room 1403,
New York City, N.Y.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

The Division has advised the Kansas City office in a letter dated February 6, 1934, that one W. G. Allen, with aliases, Beaumont Police Department No. 8800, probably has information regarding the present whereabouts of Richard Tellman Galatas, Fugitive I O 1201.

It has been determined that W. G. Allen as Lawrence Albert Townsend, #23045, was sentenced on January 9, 1924, at Quebec, Canada, to serve four years on a charge of conspiracy to defraud. It should be noted that this individual has an extensive criminal record, a copy of which is being forwarded herewith to the New York office for its information.

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Special Agent C. D. Winstead of the Dallas office is checking the Galatas angle of the case recently conferred with Chief of Police Baker of Port Arthur, Texas, who in addition to furnishing the information set forth above, voiced the opinion that in the event Allen does not know the whereabouts of Galatas he will be in a position to ascertain Galatas' whereabouts on short notice. Agent Winstead mentions that if Allen can give the information there is no doubt but that he would furnish same to Chief of Police Baker without hesitation. It might be that by discreetly mentioning the name of Chief of Police Baker to Allen,

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the necessary entree to his confidence could be made.

It is requested that an interview be made with Allen at the earliest possible date for all information he may have regarding Fugitive Galatas.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan

February 14

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

Re: **VERNON C. MILLER, et al.**

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Sergeant Earl C. Switzer of the Homicide Squad of the Detroit Police Department called at this office today stating that Mr. C. T. Blakley, Post Office Inspector, evidently working directly out of Washington, D. C., had informed Detective Harold Branton some time ago that it was the talk of the underworld in Chicago that Vera Miller was killed by Basil Banghart and his associates, further stating that Miller was to take part in the Charlotte, North Carolina, mail robbery on November 15, 1933, with Banghart and the others, but that he could not reach North Carolina in time from New Jersey where he had been hiding.

He stated it was further rumored that Miller felt that he was entitled to a part of the money which was taken in the above mail robbery and because Banghart and his associates would not comply with Miller's demand a bitter feeling followed which resulted in the death of Miller.

Mr. Switzer suggested that Banghart and his associates who were recently arrested at Baltimore be questioned concerning the above affair. It is requested that this office be informed of the result of the interview, so that the information can be passed on to the local police.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE UNIT.

The Division is in receipt of a letter dated December 8, 1933 from A. Sunderland, Commissioner of State Police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut, wherein he requests information from the Division's file concerning former associates of Albert Silverman, alias Al Silvers, whose nude body was found on an obscure country road near the town of Somers, Connecticut on November 20, 1933. Mr. Sunderland makes particular reference to a coterie of ten men who were arrested at various times late in 1929 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Prohibition Law and who were sentenced in Federal Court on February 13, 1933. He specifies the information desired as follows:

- (a) criminal records of the accused
- (b) information concerning other big time bootleggers and gangsters who may have been concerned but not prosecuted
- (c) as to whether or not the activities of any of these men took place in the State of Connecticut or in the vicinity of Springfield, Massachusetts
- (d) whether the deceased in which he is interested either under the names of Al Silverman alias Silvers alias Jacob Lubin alias Albert Shaw, was in any way a party to the crime complained of

The following paragraphs from Mr. Sunderland's letter are being quoted for your guidance in preparing the information desired by him to be used in connection with an official investigation which he is conducting into the death of Albert Silverman:

"It would also be a matter of interest in this investigation to know just where this deceased stood in such investigation as you may have made concerning violations of the liquor law in northern New Jersey, particularly with reference to the activities of Louis Buchalder alias Louis Lepke.

"The following is the list of the men referred to and while it appears that they were convicted as charged we are informed that none of them have ever paid the penalty imposed and that they have

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all been at large and apparently have continued in their past occupation. We are particularly interested in the man convicted under the name of Abraham Moss of Detroit, alias Russell B. Thayer, alias Alfred Miller alias Alfred Wright alias Louis D. Baker alias Ben Johnson. This man has his office and place of business in the Mt. Royal Hotel in Montreal but has spent a considerable time in New York and Boston. The others are:

Wilfred J. Gauthier alias Frank Edwards - Detroit
Guido E. A. Carbone alias Vincent Costello - Detroit
Joseph MacEvoy alias Joseph McKay - Detroit
Samuel Davidson alias Wm. Murray - Detroit
Louie Marcello alias Thomas Russo - address unknown
Nathan Eugene alias Eugene Nathan - address unknown
Manuel Cuvier and Samuel Walton of Providence, Rhode Island,
Frank Farrell of Cleveland"

Kindly prepare the data in memorandum form and submit to me at the earliest possible date for inclusion in a letter which is being prepared at the Division setting forth other data requested by Mr. Sunderland.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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FEBRUARY 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
617 Federal Building
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Captain L. M. Means, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, has just advised me that information recently received by him has indicated that Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy", Subject of Identification Order number 1194, is at present traveling around the country with one Buelah Beard, who sometime past is reputed to have robbed a bank with him in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Captain Means, through deduction, believes that Floyd's running mate, Adam Raccchetti, is traveling with Rose Beard, a sister of Buelah.

Captain Means advised that on 2-3-1934 there was a letter addressed to "L. W. Beard, San Diego, California", with a return address "Ethel Golden, West Alton, Missouri", which is located in the St. Louis District. It is accordingly respectfully requested that your office make a very thorough investigation at San Diego, California, to determine the identity of L. W. Beard, and to ascertain whether "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Adam Raccchetti may be visiting with him. Investigation may necessarily have to be made through a cover of General Delivery. On the other hand, inquiries at the Post Office might reveal the exact whereabouts of L. W. Beard.

For your information I am setting forth herewith the history of the Beard and Golden families as given to me by Captain Means. It appears that some years ago Zella McCarty married Louis Beard. By that marriage there were the children Ethel, Rose, Buelah and Nell, who is believed to be of Beard. Zella Beard later married a man by the name of Golden. By that marriage there were the children Pauline, Vesta (who later assumed the name of Betty) and Louis, Jr. Captain Means was not certain as to whether Louis, Jr., was a Beard or a Golden. The present addresses of Rose and Buelah are unknown; also the address of Louis is unknown.

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Well Ward and Betty Curtis are residing at 515 East 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Pauline is living at Vigor, Missouri. The women in this family are reputed to all be prostitutes.

It is the assumption that L. W. Beard may be Louis, Jr. Floyd and Pacchetti, together with Buslah and Rose Beard, may be visiting Louis, Jr., in San Diego, California. It appears that during the recent past no information has been received that would indicate that Floyd or Pacchetti have been in the vicinity of Missouri, Arkansas or Oklahoma, where these bandits generally operate.

It is respectfully requested that your office give this matter careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

February 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased),
et al. - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Lieutenant
John Howe, Chicago Police Department, in which he sets out the
following information:

Re: KLUTAS, LA RUE and others:

Klutas, Earl McMahon, Dietrich were in St. Louis
together. They met later at Frankfort, Illinois and
then again at Braidwood, Illinois before going to
Bellwood.

KLUTAS had been sending money to Dietrich while he
was in the penitentiary THROUGH FRED HAMM A RADIO
SINGER FROM KANSAS CITY. BELIEVE HAMM IS THE CONTACT
MAN AND MAY BE ABLE TO THROW SOME LIGHT ON THE KANSAS
CITY MACHINE GUNNING.

Dietrich at one time owned a roadhouse in or about
St. Louis and his partner's name was KOLBECK. Kolbeck
now doing time somewhere in Missouri.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent E. P. Guinane,
formerly attached to the Chicago office, dated 12/11/33, in the case
entitled "Jack Klutas with aliases - Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle
Theft Act", that a lead is set out for the Kansas City office to in-
terview a Joe Hamm at Kansas City, Missouri, a gambler and safe owner
there. It is assumed that Fred Hamm mentioned in Lieutenant Howe's
letter is the same person. If the lead set out in agent Guinane's
report has not as yet been covered at Kansas City, it is suggested
that appropriate investigation be instituted there for the purpose of
ascertaining whether or not Hamm can furnish any information regarding
the instant case.

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Two copies of this letter are being forwarded to the
St. Louis office for its information only.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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January 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Ill.



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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone conversation had with this office on January 15th, with respect to William E. Maloney, William White, John Lynch, R. or W. Schulte, William O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis and Al Silvers (Miscellaneous Matter).

At the Hotel Victoria, New York City, it was learned that on May 19, 1932, "William O'Donnell, 1212 So. Mansfield Ave., Chicago, Ill., William White, 4701 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Ill., John Lynch, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill.", registered thereat jointly and were assigned to Suite 1810-11-12 at a rate of \$12.50 a day. The records indicate that they had two pieces of baggage. Furthermore, the registration cards show that the same person registered for all three. The registration cards are numbered A-23433-4-5, and the account cards are identically numbered. Attached hereto you will find the originals of the three registration cards and the three account cards. You will note that the three individuals checked out of the hotel at 9:02 a.m., June 2, 1932, and that the total amount of the bill was \$84.50, and that all charges were on the account card of O'Donnell and that no charges appear on the account cards of White and Lynch. The hotel is making an effort to locate the tickets representing long distance telephone calls which the trio made and if they are found this office will be notified.

W. F. Downey, Assistant Manager of the hotel, is the proper party to subpoena to testify from these records.

At the Hotel New Yorker, New York City, inquiry developed that on August 19, 1932, "Wm. White, 330 So. LaSalle St., Chicago, W. Maloney, 332 So. LaSalle St., Wm. O'Donnell, 332 So. LaSalle St., W. Schulte, 330 So. LaSalle", registered and occupied Suite 2643-4-5-6 and came in with four pieces of baggage. They had registration cards numbered J-33082-3-4-5 respectively and the initial account cards are numbered identically. The party checked out on August 23rd. White's

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bill amounted to \$133.45. Maloney's bill amounted to \$42.25. O'Donnell's bill amounted to \$268.15. Schulte's bill amounted to \$46.40. Attached hereto you will find photostatic copies of the registration cards and the account cards, with the exception of the registration cards of Maloney and O'Donnell. The hotel advised that it would take a little time to locate these two registration cards inasmuch as there are thousands of cards filed under the letters "M" and "O". Furthermore, the hotel is at present handicapped by a strike and they could not locate the cards within the allotted time. They also advised that they could not locate the long distance telephone slips or the records supporting the charge of \$228.80 found in the account of O'Donnell, under date of August 23rd, representing portage charges on railroad trunks (which item apparently was incurred by White). However, it is suggested that these records be subpoenaed and they possibly may be located upon a further search. The hotel should be subpoenaed to produce the original records and the management will designate a person to respond.

At this hotel also was found the registration of Al Silvers, Riviera Hotel, Newark, N.J., who registered on August 19, 1932, under card and account No. J-5049, and was assigned to Room 2634. Apparently he was one of the party as the registration card refers to the suite occupied by White, et al. Silvers checked out on August 23rd likewise. Silvers, of course, as is noted in the Kansas City Massacre file, was a gangster and racketeer from Newark, N.J., and friendly with all mobs and particularly Gus Winkler, et al, in Chicago. He was murdered at Somers, Conn., on November 30, 1932.

Also at the Hotel New Yorker was found registration record of Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis of 283 142nd Street, New York City (not stated whether east or west), who were assigned Room 2633. The registration card refers to the party of White, et al, and Al Silvers. Davis checked in on August 22nd and checked out the next day. His charge of \$7.00 for the room was transferred to the account of White, as will be noted from an examination of White's account card, that is to say, White paid the bill for Davis. There are attached hereto photostatic copies of the registration cards and account cards of Silvers and Davis.

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At the St. Royal Hotel, Montreal, Que., it was learned that at 8:54 p.m., September 10, 1932, the five persons below named registered and the five checked out at 2:53 p.m., September 13, 1932. The manner of registration, together with the numbers of the registration cards and the numbers of the account cards, is listed herewith:

"Mr. E. Maloney, 332 So La Salle St., Chicago, Ill."
Registration card #49011-E; account cards B5521,
B5908, B7089.

"Mr. White, Chicago, Ill."
Registration card #49012-E; account cards B5523,
B5812, B7088, B7244.

"John I. Lynch, 332 So La Salle St., Chicago, Ill."
Registration card #49012-E. Account cards B5524,
B7087.

"H. Schulte, 1807 E. Kenilworth, Berwyn, Ill."
Registration card #49014-E. Account cards B5525,
B7086.

"Mr. O'Donnell, 1229 So 61 St., Cicero, Ill."
Registration card #49015-E. Account cards B5522,
B7090.

The cards show that when this party checked in, they had five pieces of baggage; also, that the party ordered the Royal Suite, which consists of Rooms 2028-2033, at the rate of \$40.00 per day. The card was later amended to show that they occupied Rooms 2027-2035 inclusive, at the rate of \$55.00 a day. This charge was debited against the account of Maloney and it is noted that he registered first. It would appear that the party had the use of Room 2036 on one or two occasions. The account card of Schulte shows a charge of \$7.00 for September 15th for Room 2036, with the notation "Bridges". The hotel advised that no registration card could be found for "Bridges" (although it is suggested this card be subpoenaed together with the account card of "Bridges". The account of White shows a \$4.00 charge for Room 2036 for September 14th.

Maloney's account amounted to \$522.84, which includes the \$55.00 a day rent. Numerous toll calls were made but neither the hotel nor the telephone company has the slips. The account of White amounted to \$521.81. Evidently, he signed most of the slips for the dinners and parties held in the rooms. His account shows the following restaurant charges:

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9/10/32	-	\$ 44.10
9/10	-	95.75
9/11	-	11.00
9/12	-	83.75
9/13	-	99.50
9/14	-	88.20

It is, of course, impossible to tell whether the charges were incurred in the restaurant or in the rooms but undoubtedly the latter, and include wine. The restaurant slips are not in existence.

The accounts of Lynch, Schulte and O'Donnell amount to \$122.37, \$26.18 and \$117.89 respectively. The Lynch account shows certain toll calls and restaurant charges, the latter running as high as \$13.68. O'Donnell's card shows certain restaurant charges running as high as \$44.42. The total bill amounted to \$1,110.57. On the reverse side of the account card for Lynch are shown five columns of figures covering the amount of each bill. They add to the above figure. Another notation, '\$130.00', appears on the back of this card from which one may infer that this was the amount of money handed over in payment of the bill as the amount of the bill is subtracted from this amount and the difference of \$19.47 was the amount of change returned. It would appear, also, that the payment was made in cash.

Evidently, the party had a car in Montreal as the account of Maloney shows that \$3.50 was paid out to the garage on September 11th. White's card shows that \$8.00 was paid out on September 14th for cigars.

The account cards show that each member of the party signed slips for the charges which were incurred in the various rooms. For example, the account card of Maloney shows that he incurred charges for material that went into Rooms 2027-2038 inclusive. The above is true for the other four accounts, that is, each signed checks or ordered material from all of the rooms.

I have already furnished you with a second bedroom floor plan of the hotel with explanatory notes and furnished you with tracings of each registration. The hotel would not allow its documents to be taken out for the purpose of photostating same and your office may rest assured that the records will be available for trial. C. M. Simpson, Chief House Officer, is the proper person to subpoena.

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Investigation was made by this office at the Newark Airport but at the offices of the various companies no information could be secured with respect to J. H. Bridges. It is recalled, however, that Al Silvers frequently used the Newark Airport as a starting point on his travels to Chicago.

Very truly yours,

F. E. PAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 322 Federal Bldg.;
Birmingham, Ala.
Feb. 10, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

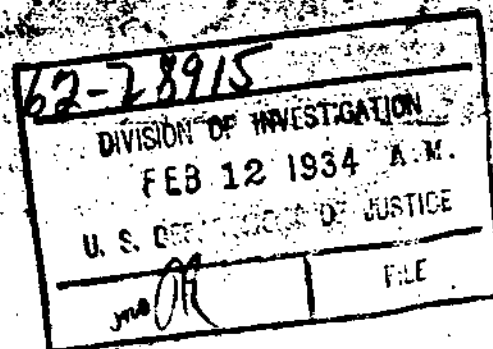
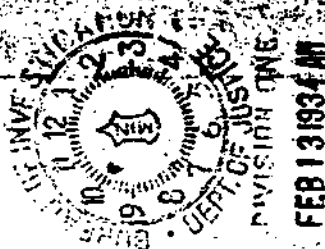
Further reference is made to the above entitled case and to the arrangements made by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brentley and Special Agent H. E. Anderson with Mr. E. R. Steele, Inspector of Police, Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co., at Montgomery, Ala.

This is to advise that Mr. Steele has been contacted twice telephonically during this present week, once on Feb. 9th and again today and he stated that he has been unable to do anything further with this case inasmuch as his officer, John Kelly, who is assisting him, has been ill. Mr. Steele stated that he will promptly advise this office if there are any further developments at Montgomery.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hansen, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

CC: Division
Oklahoma City



Suite 1
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 10, 1934.

Mr. Maurice M. Milligan,
United States Attorney,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: **VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER**

Confirming recent conversation with Assistant
U.S. Attorney Carmean relative to disposition of certain bonds,
which were taken from Wilber Underhill at the time of his re-
cent apprehension in Oklahoma, and which bonds are completely
described in a letter to you from Mr. R. H. Colvin, our Special
Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, under date of Janu-
ary 29, 1934. I am transmitting herewith a copy of the report of
Special Agent A. C. Russell dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, January
5, 1934, wherein you will find details relative to the robbery,
at which time the bonds in question were stolen.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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San Francisco, California.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased),
et al.
RICHARD TALMAGE GALATAS, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801.
Obstruction of Justice
(Endeavor to Deliver Federal
Prisoner Frank Nash.)

I am in receipt of your letter of February
3, 1934, regarding the above captioned matter, en-
closing certain photographs.

I have closely studied these photographs,
and have failed to find any likeness in any of the
photographs, namely those of Arthur R. Barker, alias
Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis,
and Alvin Karpis, as resembling, in any respect, the
individual whom I saw participating in the Kansas
City massacre.

Very truly yours,

S. C. Division.

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent
in Charge.

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Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
724 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

A review of this file indicates that Frank Sawyer, an Indian by nationality, who is a notorious out-law and friend of Harvey Bailey, Davis and others, escaped on May 30, 1933, with the group of prisoners from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, and was apprehended prior to June 17, 1933, near Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Sawyer is now believed to be confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester. The opinion has been advanced by officials at the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, that Sawyer would be inclined to disclose facts within his knowledge, if interviewed. It is apparent that he would not have personal knowledge of the identities of the participants in the massacre at Kansas City, since he was probably in custody on June 17th. It is suggested, however, that he be interviewed for all information obtainable from him, as he may have come into possession of same through prison sources during recent months. An early interview with this individual is requested.

Particular reference should be had in the above requested interview to possible evidence regarding Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and others, mentioned in the report by Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, December 27, 1933.

Very truly yours,

W. C. SPRUE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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900 Ezra Thompson Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
February 8, 1934.

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Postmaster,
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VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) et al.
Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner.
S.L. File 62-476.

Dear Madam:

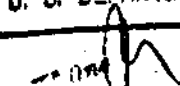
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
February 8, 1934, in the above entitled case.

Your cooperation in this matter, for the purpose
of locating the Rheimsmiths, is very much appreciated, and
I hope that as a result of discreet inquiries in your neighborhood,
that you will be able to furnish me with some definite address
for the Rheimsmiths within the near future.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DODD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Re: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases-FUGITIVE
I. O. #1201, et al
Obstruction of Justice - Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash

Confirming telegram sent to you today, please
be advised that Postmaster W. M. Houston at LeRoy, New York, has
advised this office that on January 29, 1934, Mrs. L. Cady of
LeRoy, New York, addressed a letter to a Mr. George W. Smith,
Vulcan, Alberta, Canada.


The above information may be a valuable lead
in connection with the desired apprehension of Galatas, and it
is therefore referred to you for appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Division

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P. O. Box 1878,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
February 9, 1934

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KDD:LF

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: Vernon C. Miller, Deceased;
Richard Tallman Calatas, with
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1201.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In response to Division letter under date of February 8,
1934, requesting the Oklahoma City office to furnish the Kansas City
office with one copy of each report in the case entitled, "U. S. Speed,
with aliases, I. O. 1201; Frank Clark, M. LeVoy with alias; Swindling
on Government Reservation," I am herewith enclosing copies of the
following:

Letter from Washington Field office to the Director,
dated August 10, 1933.
Letter from Norrell A. Norrell, Attorneys, Roanoke, Virginia,
dated August 30, 1933, to the Director, Washington, D. C.
Report of Special Agent R. W. Butterworth, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, 9-9-33.
Report of Special Agent R. W. Butterworth, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, 9-18-33.
Report of Special Agent J. D. Swenson, Salt Lake City, Utah,
10-19-33.
Report of Special Agent R. W. Butterworth, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma, 12-6-33.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division ✓

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Feb. 8, 1934.

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AIR MAIL

Mr. J. V. Murphy,
P. O. Box 1624,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: Kanne file.

In accordance with telegram just received from
the San Antonio Division office, there are being transmitted
to you herewith the photographs of Mrs. Leona Brady, alias
Leona Defer, and Mrs. Buelah Clark, alias Buelah Jackson.

Very truly yours,

Encl's.
cc-San Antonio
cc-Division.

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Building
St. Louis, Mo.

February 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled **VERNON C MILLER**, with aliases (deceased); **RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS**, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1801; **ROBERT HRABY**, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1190; **HARVEY J. BAILLY**, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. 1180, et al., CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, and particularly to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated 12-27-33 at Kansas City, Mo., and in connection therewith, confirming my telephone conversation with Acting Special Agent M. E. Spear of even date, please be advised that Post Office Inspector Fred Mayer, St. Louis, Missouri, advised at 9:30 PM, 2-7-34 that he had just received information from Tom Scott, Deputy Warden, Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Mo., to the effect that Lloyd Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, former inmate of the Oklahoma State Prison, one "Jeff" Davis, one "Volley" Davis, one Fred Davis and one Curt Wright were going to be present in Tulsa and Seminole, Oklahoma on February 10th and 11th, 1934.

Inspector Mayer then advised that Tom Scott possessed the exact street addresses at which these individuals would stop, and that the same would be available to an Agent of the Kansas City Division Office. Further that Tom Scott insisted that the information was very reliable and that it was believed that these individuals were wanted for kidnaping in Oklahoma.

It is not known to this office just who the above named persons will contact, but in as much as the St. Louis file in this matter reflects association by the Barker brothers with those involved in this case it is deemed advisable that Tom Scott be contacted immediately for detailed information and the proper action taken in connection therewith. It is also noted from the instant file that the individuals involved therein have spent considerable time in St. Paul, Minn., and may possibly have some connection with the **KRUMER** kidnaping case.

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Oklahoma City

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Very truly yours,

F. F. Yearaley, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Asa W. Butler
United States Marshal
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

With reference to our recent conversation relative to the appointment of Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, of this office, as Special Field Deputy United States Marshals in the Western District of Missouri, pursuant to authorization of the Attorney General, please be advised that under date of February 2, 1934, a telegram was received from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of this Division stating "Department advises no bonds necessary for special deputies named".

The above is for your information relative to the query whether the two above named Special Field Deputies should make bond.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED)
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933, in the above entitled case. A memorandum by Special Agent F. S. Smith, appearing in that report indicates that while Agent Smith secured but a fleeting glance of a couple of the assassins, it is not improbable that he might recognize those individuals by photograph. For this reason, copies of the photographs of

Fred Barker, Kansas State
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas,
No. 9836;

Arthur R. Barker, alias Doc Barker,
Oklahoma State Penitentiary,
Mc Alester, Oklahoma, No. 11908;

Harry Campbell, Tulsa, Oklahoma,
S. O. No. 9420;

Volney Davis, Oklahoma State
Penitentiary, No. 12808;

Alvin Karpis, Kansas State
Penitentiary, No. 1539

are being forwarded for examination by Agent Smith.

The individuals, whose photographs are being enclosed, are mentioned in the report by Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933.

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It is requested that Agent Smith advise whether or not it is possible, that he could identify the voice, or voices, of the assassin, or assassins, heard immediately before the shooting began. Any other information which might now occur to this Agent in connection with the incident of the slayings not already included in the memorandum is respectfully solicited.

Very truly yours,

R. C. STEAF, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Encls.

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 513,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

A review of the instant file has been made and it is deemed advisable to request an immediate check of all long distance telephone calls and telegrams charged to the telephones of the major members of the underworld group in St. Paul and vicinity of which Frank Nash was a member. This is considered important for the purpose of indicating the whereabouts of various individuals connected with this gang on June 17, 1933. The investigation is aimed at this time at a possible disclosure of evidence against Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Alvin Karpis, et al, who might have been among the actual assassins. It is believed that those individuals were the members of the gang most capable of perpetrating the ruthless massacre which occurred, and that if they were at all available, they would have been the parties used by Vernon C. Miller to perform it. Indications are that the Barkers and Karpis resided for approximately one month prior to June 17, 1933, at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. However, if the individuals who did reside there were the Barkers, it is apparent that such was not their permanent place of abode, since it is shown from past investigation in connection with the Nash, Holden and Keating investigation that Mrs. Arrie Barker, the mother of the Barker brothers, regularly resided with them. The Barkers may, therefore, have had a residence in Kansas City, and may have been here on June 17, 1933. In view of the local police situation at Kansas City, it would be scarcely possible to determine whether this was the case and, therefore, a circuitous means must be taken to ascertain this fact. It has been shown that St. Paul is the headquarters of this gang.

When Keating, Holden and Bailey were apprehended on July 7, 1933, at Kansas City, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Bernard Phillips, together with Mrs. Arrie Barker, immediately fled from Kansas City, and it has been determined that on July 9th, those individuals took up a residence on White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

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Checking of all long distance telephone calls and telegrams from the telephones of Jack Pfeiffer, Phone No. Emerson 2121;

Harry Sawyer, Phone Nos. Emerson 2002 and Cedar 9942;

Tom Filbin, Phone Nos. Cedar 4889 and Emerson 6795;

Bennie Harris, Phone No. Elkhurst 3776 (and the phone at the Plantations Inn, White Bear Lake); the

telephone at Herb Wilda of Herb's Garage,

and all the hoodlum connections of this gang in St. Paul and Minneapolis, would probably result favorably in this connection. Such check should include records dating for sixty days before June 17, 1933, and up to June 1, 1933. The Kansas City office desires a detailed account of all such telephone calls and telegrams charged to these phones.

Please give this matter your immediate attention, since this angle of the case should be followed promptly in all territories, which may later receive leads pursuant to your investigation.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL -
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

In regard to letter of February 8, 1934, from this office, enclosing photographs of Fred Barker and others for the attention of Agent Lackey, reference is being made to the report of Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, December 27, 1933. It is noted that your office is not in possession of a copy of that report, and on account of the shortage of stenographic assistance, it is not being re-typed at this time. You may be advised, however, that information shown therein is to the effect that Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis are alleged, through information derived from various convicts in the Kansas State Penitentiary, to have very probably been the assassins in this case. Information of this nature has been given by a number of persons. To date, there is no tangible evidence to support the allegations, except the fact that Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis are known to have been close associates of Vernon C. Miller; they are known as desperate criminals or killers, and it is believed they would have been called upon by Miller to perform this massacre, if they were at all available. These individuals have not been definitely placed at any other point than Kansas City as of June 17, 1933.

Descriptions of these individuals are set out on the back of each photograph forwarded with letter from this office to you, dated February 8th.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 8, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED)
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent in Charge P. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933, in the above entitled case. A memorandum by Special Agent F. J. Lackey, appearing in that report indicates that while Agent Lackey secured but a fleeting glance of a couple of the assassins, it is not improbable that he might recognize those individuals by photograph. For this reason, copies of the photographs of

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Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas,
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Alester, Oklahoma, No. 11906;

Harry Campbell, Tulsa, Oklahoma,
S. O. No. 9420;

Volney Davis, Oklahoma State
Penitentiary, No. 12808;

Alvin Karpis, Kansas State
Penitentiary, No. 1539,

are being forwarded for examination by Agent Lackey.

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The individuals, whose photographs are being enclosed, are mentioned in the report by Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933.

It is requested that Agent Lackey advise whether or not it is possible, that he could identify the voice, or voices, of the assassin, or assassins, heard immediately before the shooting began. Any other information which might now occur to this Agent in connection with the incident of the slayings not already included in the memorandum is respectfully solicited.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc(2) Division
62-760

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
February 6, 1934.

GTJ/ML

Mr. J. V. Murphy,
Box 1684,
Houston, Texas.

VERNON C. MILLER, deceased
et al; JIM CLARK
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

On January 22, 1934, SAC Colvin, Oklahoma City, advised the San Antonio Office by telephone that Jim Clark, Identification Order #1192 and Frank Delmar, who with five other convicts escaped from the Kansas Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on January 19, 1934, had two days previously left the vicinity of Pawnee, Okla., and were ostensibly heading for McAllen, Texas, where they were supposed to have previously maintained a hide-out.

SAC Colvin advised that they were driving a black Plymouth Deluxe coupe with red wire wheels bearing motor P.D. 91556, and among several different license plates they were using, they had Texas 1933 license #617773.

Investigation in the vicinity of McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas, developed that license plates #617773 were issued in that county in April, 1933, to Beulah Jackson, McAllen, Texas, for Plymouth coupe motor P.D. 91556. It further developed that Beulah Jackson is not known to have been in that section of the country for several months. It was further determined that she was the former wife of one George L. Wright, present whereabouts unknown, who was an ex-convict from Oklahoma; that she married this man at Miami, Okla., in 1918.

At the time Bob Brady and Jim Clark were apprehended near Tucumcari, New Mexico, by Sheriff Ira Allen on Oct. 4, 1933, they were driving the identical Plymouth coupe heretofore described, with the exception that it bore Oklahoma license #538623, that had been issued in the name of F. M. Atwood, Oklahoma City. Clark had in his possession a bill showing the car was purchased for cash from Reimair Brothers Motor Company, Oklahoma City, Sept. 26, 1933, by F. M. Atwood. Jim Clark admitted that he purchased this car at Oklahoma City under the name of Atwood.

The day after it was publicly announced by the press that Brady and Clark were under arrest in Tucumcari, N.M., two women showed up at that place claiming to be the wives of Brady and Clark. The one claiming to be Brady's wife was using the name of Leona Defer and the one claiming to be Clark's wife was using the name of Beulah Jackson. Clark's alleged wife is no doubt the same Beulah Jackson who registered the car above described in McAllen, Texas, in April, 1933.

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Mr. J. V. Murphy

February 8, 1934.

It is noted in your telephone call to this office that a telegraphic tip had been received by local officers at Houston from the Warden at Lansing, Kansas, Penitentiary, to the effect that Jim Clark was alleged to be in Houston, contacting a woman named Goldie Johnson, and the further fact that you had located Goldie Johnson at 901 Austin Street in Houston and also ascertained that she was calling at the General Delivery for mail under the name of Leona Defer.

There is no question but what this is the woman who was at Tucuman posing as the wife of Bob Brady and it is very probable that Beulah Jackson, the alleged wife of Jim Clark, is also in Houston, as all indications are they are very close pals. Consequently the tip that Clark is in Houston is no doubt worthy of belief.

Sheriff Frank Mills of Coleman, Texas, confidentially advised me today that he has positive information that Jim Clark and Frank Dalmar participated in the robbery of the First National Bank at Coleman, Texas, on Feb. 1, 1934, with John Newton whom he now has in custody. This robbery netted the trio approximately \$24,000.00.

I am enclosing you herewith a dozen photographs of Jim Clark. I do not have a photograph of Frank Dalmar and the only description I have of him is that he is 26 years of age, heavy build and has black hair.

You should cooperate fully with the local officers in Houston, Texas, looking to the apprehension of Clark and Dalmar, especially Clark. You should keep me advised over the telephone of any further information you obtain and of course concerning any plans looking to the apprehension of these individuals.

Very truly yours,

Wm T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
cc Oklahoma City
cc Agent Parker,
Brownsville, Tex.

cc-Division.

P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.,
Jan. 29, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
205 Post Office Bldg.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: Verne G. Miller, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Responsive to your telegram of the 27th instant, I enclose photostatic copies of the signatures of Harry Campbell and Arthur (Doc) Barker. No further samples were available.

Samples of the handwriting of Volney Davis were sent yesterday by air mail, special delivery, by Agent Perkins from McAlester. I am getting additional specimens of the signature of Barker from the State Reformatory at Granite today and will forward them tomorrow. No letters or other samples are available.

Very truly yours,

H. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.

cc-Division.

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 29, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Special Agent G. A. Stevens brought to this office on January 26, 1934, the 21-jewel Illinois watch, works #4950313, case #9647877, recovered from Wilber Underhill, deceased, which he stated you had been requested by Underhill to turn over to his mother, Mrs. Elmore Underhill, 220 Bales Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

The watch was turned over to the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, on January 29, and the following receipt was secured:

"Received of Special Agent G. A. Stevens 21-jewel Illinois watch, works #4950313, case #9647877, recovered from Wilber Underhill, deceased. This watch is delivered to the U.S. District Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, for such legal disposition as he may prescribe."

One copy of the receipt is herewith transmitted to you for your files. U. S. Attorney Vandeventer was advised as to the desire of the deceased Underhill, that the watch be given to his mother.

This action was taken pursuant to instructions received by Agent Stevens at this office.

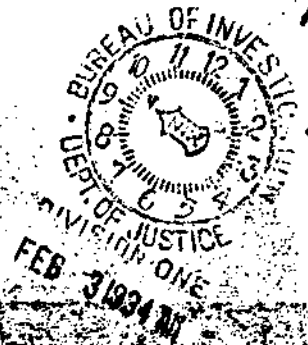
Very truly yours,

E. F. TRAIKOR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 30, 1934



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AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, et al;
Obstruction of Justice.

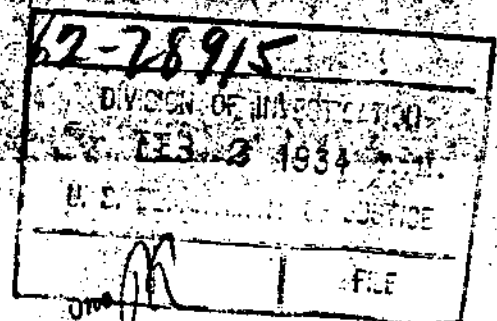
Dear Sir :

With further response to your recent telegram, I
enclose herewith by air mail an additional photographic speci-
men of the signature of Fred Barker, Granite Reformatory No. 4079.
It appears that his signature only is all the handwriting there
is available. His photograph is likewise enclosed, taken about
ten years ago.

Very truly yours,

M. H. COLVIN,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division ✓



P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
January 20, 1934

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Honorable William L. Vandeventer,
United States Attorney,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernan C. Miller, et al.,
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor
to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.)

On December 20, 1933, when Wilbur Underhill, who is under indictment at Kansas City, Missouri in the above styled case, was wounded and apprehended at Shawnee, Oklahoma, there was recovered from him \$8300.00 in first mortgage collateral trust gold bonds of the Franklin Title & Trust Company, described as follows:

No. M73	Series 800N	\$1000.00
" M74	" 800N	1000.00
" D14	" 800N	200.00
" D17	" 800N	200.00
" D18	" 800A	200.00
" D32	" 800N	200.00
" D33	" 800N	200.00
" D34	" 800N	200.00
" G16	" 800A	100.00
" G17	" 800N	100.00
" G20	" 800N	100.00

Investigation has disclosed that these bonds were stolen from the State National Bank, Frankfort, Kentucky, November 23, 1933, in a holdup and Underhill admitted to me before his death that that is where he got them. Efforts are now being made by the State National Bank of Frankfort and the Fidelity & Deposit Company, as insurers, to recover the bonds.

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Inasmuch as there is no case pending in the Western District of Oklahoma as to Underhill or those who were indicted with him at Kansas City, the Department has instructed me to forward these bonds to you as it is anticipated that the insurance company or the bank will seek a court order for the release of these bonds to the Fidelity & Deposit Company as insurers, or to a legal representative of the bank upon presentation of proof of ownership and loss.

I am, therefore, transmitting these bonds to you under registered cover. No doubt the Fidelity & Deposit Company's representative in Kansas City will approach you concerning the releasing of these bonds. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Very truly yours,

Enc's.

cc-Division
Kansas City

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E. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
January 23, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al,
Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner

Reference is made to your letter to the Los Angeles
Division Office dated January 18, 1934.

In compliance with the request made therein, I am
transmitting herewith two copies of the photograph of JIM HAGEN
alias TED J. MON-RTS, Subject of New Orleans file 31-1150.

A single copy of Hagen's photograph is also being
furnished the Los Angeles Division office with copies of this
letter, and a single copy of the said photograph is being fur-
nished the Division, together with two copies of this letter.

The photograph from which the four reproductions above
mentioned were made is being retained in the New Orleans Office
file.

Very truly yours,

J. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite 1, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased)
with aliases, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner
St. Paul File 62-888

Dear Sir:

Relative to your letter dated January 23, 1934,
in the above matter, there are being returned to you herewith
original documents known as "Prisoner's Interview" of FRED
BARKER, Kansas State Penitentiary #9856 and Alvin Karpis, Kansas
State Penitentiary #1539, which were obtained by Special Agent
A. E. Farland of your office from that prison, some containing
signatures of Barker and Karpis.

Very truly yours,

WALTER HANBY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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617 Federal Bldg.
Los Angeles, California
Jan. 25, 1934

Mr. Harry L. Kellogg
Postmaster
Monrovia, California

Re: L. A. File 62-964
Vernon C. Miller, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find letter forwarded by you to this office from Mrs. Nell M. Dungen.

Assuring you that your cooperation in this matter is most highly appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

L. C. TAYLOR - Acting
Special Agent in Charge

CDW:T

cc: Division

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Federal Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



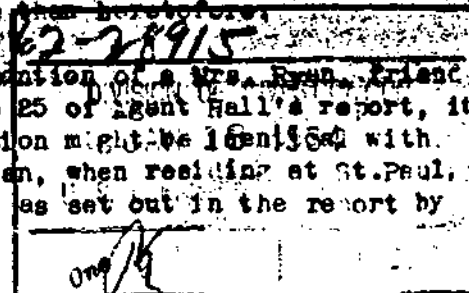
Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 27, 1933, in this matter. Beginning on Page 23 is noted a memorandum by Special Agent Hardy reflecting inquiries at Brainerd, Minnesota, with reference to Clyde E. Parker, believed to be a reliable source of information.

Since Vernon C. Miller is now dead and Vivian Mathis has been sentenced to the penitentiary, it is suggested that possibly further information might be secured through the family of John Gibson at Brainerd by Mr. Parker. To your office is suggested the question of advisability of an open interview with Mr. Gibson and with the daughter of Vivian Mathis, who is probably residing with John Gibson. It would be desirable to secure from them details concerning any statements made by Vivian Mathis upon her arrival at Brainerd, Minnesota, about June 25, 1933. The child, Betty Mathis, age ten, who was in Kansas City at the time of the massacre, and who is said to be a precocious child, might be able to furnish details that would be of value in making further investigation. In all events, it appears probable that Mr. Parker might now secure a more frank statement from the Gibsons, since he would be in better position to discuss the matter with them than heretofore.

Concerning the mention of a Mrs. Ryan, friend of Vivian Mathis, which is shown on Page 25 of Agent Hall's report, it is suggested that the Mrs. Ryan in question might be identical with Mrs. Paula Harmon, who used the alias Ryan, when residing at St. Paul, Minnesota with her husband during 1931, as set out in the report by



Special Agent J. D. Glass dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, June 27, 1933. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. P. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933. It has occurred, that the woman who resided with the men at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, during the early part of June, 1933, is probably Paula Harmon. As noted from Agent Hall's report of July 27, 1933, Vivian Bathis is alleged to have made a trip to Brainerd, Minnesota, in a car presumed to belong to a Mrs. Ryan during the first week in June or the last part of May, 1933; and at that time, she is said to have been accompanied by two strange men, neither of whom was Subject Miller. It is suggested that the men in question might have been the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, and through John Gibson, effort should be made to establish the identity of those individuals.

Very truly yours,

W. C. SPAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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201 Liberty National Life Building
Birmingham, Alabama.

January 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Suite 1,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; et al;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE(Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

With reference to letter of Special Agent in Charge A. Whitley dated December 18, 1933 please be advised that an agent of this office contacted Miss Catherine Carlin, secretary at the office of the Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, at Memphis, Tennessee who advised that Mr. A. D. Burford was out of the city and that she did not have a file on Galatas at the office but that she would write Mr. Burford in regard to this matter.

Miss Carlin was contacted at a later date and at that time advised that she had been in communication with Mr. Burford and that he had advised that he has no further information which would aid in the location of Galatas; that the investigation as to Galatas has only been started and that very little work has been done on the case; that he will be glad to furnish any information which may come into his hands.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri

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Re: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al.,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor,
Kansas City, Missouri, 12-15-33.

Dear Sir :

Investigation with regard to the activities of a green Cadillac sedan, Missouri tag number 313-598, and its occupants in the vicinity of Chickasha, Oklahoma from June 15 to June 25, 1933 inclusive is as follows :

On June 14, Deputy Sheriff Al Marlow of Chickasha was called to a residence two miles south of Chickasha to investigate a drunken driving charge, it being alleged that the operator of the above mentioned sedan was operating it in a reckless manner. This car was towed to the residence of a Mrs. Belle Downey, and upon arriving there, the green sedan was found parked in front of the house. Upon questioning the owner of the car, who gave his name as George Lindsey, Jr., address Kansas City, Missouri, it was found that there was no basis for the drunken driving charge, and Sheriff Marlow left.

Sheriff Marlow described George Lindsey, Jr. as a man about thirty years of age, weight 180 pounds, with a striking resemblance to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Agent Birch made contact in a discreet manner with Mrs. Belle Downey, who is married to Bob Downey, a man many years her senior. Mrs. Downey is a very flashy woman, very indiscreet in her conversation, and at the time the Agent interviewed her, she had been using intoxicating liquor. Mrs. Downey stated that George Lindsey, Jr. had married the daughter of her husband by a previous marriage, and that she had no use for the Lindsey family because of their underworld connections, and that she would certainly like "to see the law get them".

Mrs. Downey stated that on June 15, the green Cadillac car with Missouri license number 313-598, occupied by George Lindsey, Jr., two other men, and two women one of whom was George Lindsey's wife, came to Chickasha, and the occupants of the car had a drinking party at her house. She also stated that the

Cadillac sedan had a recess back of the rear seat, and that this recess contained two machine guns and a various assortment of pistols and ammunition. Mrs. Downey stated that this drinking party lasted until the night of the sixteenth of June when George Lindsey received a telegram from Kansas City. Upon receipt of the telegram, he made several long distance calls from the McFarland Hotel in Chickasha to Kansas City. She does not know the number that he called in Kansas City. Immediately upon making these telephone calls, George Lindsey announced that he and the two men associates were going to Ft. Worth and Dallas and would leave the women with Mrs. Downey until they returned. On the night of the sixteenth, sometime before eight o'clock, George Lindsey and the two other men departed supposedly for Ft. Worth. George Lindsey and his two associates returned to Chickasha on the morning of the eighteenth, between twelve and two o'clock and slept all that day and night. From that time until the twenty-fifth, they had a continual drinking party at Mrs. Downey's residence.

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Mrs. Downey stated that they got a Negro boy who lives down the road to go to Chickasha and get for them all the papers obtainable in Chickasha, and their conversation seemed to center around the Kansas City massacre.

Mrs. Downey stated that on the twenty-fifth of June, George Lindsey received a special delivery letter, and upon receipt of the letter, he and his two male companions and the two women departed for Kansas City. She further stated that her husband had heard from his daughter, who is the wife of George Lindsey, Jr., just recently, and the address at which the Lindseys are living in Kansas City at the present time is 4401 Highland Avenue.

The other woman in the party at the time of the Chickasha visit was a Blanche Cowgar who is also related to Bob Downey.

Mrs. Downey stated that during the time George Lindsey was in Chickasha he spent a good deal of money, and she thought he was a "fine fellow" except for the fact that he and his father were "racketeers". Mrs. Downey told the writer that George Lindsey, Sr. was just a "big time racketeer", and that his activity with regard to the Educational Aid Society was merely a cover-up for his racketeering activities. She also stated that he had lots of high political friends throughout the States of Kansas, Missouri and Texas, and that she doubts if anything could ever be gotten on him. Mrs. Downey also stated that George Lindsey, Sr. was part owner of a hotel in Kansas City in which a nephew of his had been placed as manager, and that this nephew had married a daughter of Bob Downey, who was a sister to George Lindsey's wife.

George Lindsey, Jr., upon returning to Chickasha, Oklahoma after his alleged Ft. Worth-Dallas trip, had some minor repairs made on the green Cadillac sedan, and the mechanic by the name of Bob Bestwick or Beston, in conversation

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The Agent, revealed the fact that this Cadillac sedan was equipped with puncture proof tires and had shatter proof glass all around. Bostwick's statement to Agent was as follows, "No damn machine gun would ever have hurt anybody in that car."

A check of telephone calls at the McFarland Hotel, Chickasha, revealed that three calls were made to Kansas City on the night of June 17, but inasmuch as in making these calls charges were reversed, the number called in Kansas City was not obtained. This information was obtained from Mr. R. A. Hildebrand, manager of the Chickasha branch of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

The people that gave this information are of the type that might exaggerate the truth; however, the information obtained is forwarded to the Kansas City office for such action as they may deem advisable.

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Very truly yours,

K. D. DEADERICK,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Ed F. Cooper, Sheriff,
San Diego, California.

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ATTENTION: Mr. E. A. Kennedy, Deputy.

My dear Sheriff:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 14, 1934, wherein you set forth information concerning CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, subject of Identification Order #1194.

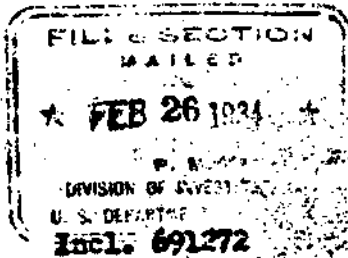
Please be advised that I am referring a copy of your letter to Mr. J. E. P. Dunn, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 617 Federal Building, Los Angeles, California.

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter, there are transmitted herewith copies of Identification Order #1194 issued on subject Floyd.

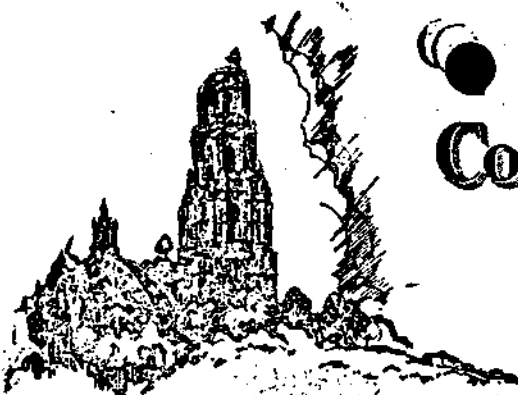
Thanking you for bringing this matter to the attention of this Division, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director.



[Handwritten signatures and initials]



COUNTY of SAN DIEGO

San Diego, California

OFFICE OF THE
SHERIFF

ED. F. COOPER
SHERIFF
OLIVER V. SEXSON
UNDER SHERIFF

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February 14th, 1934.

Subject: ⁰FLOYD, Charles Arthur, alias:
MISCHIEF, Frank, SMITH, "Pretty
Boy", file 4524; IO 1194.

JOINT TO:

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director, and: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE,
U. S. Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice,
Department of Justice, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Washington, D. C., Kansas City, Missouri,

Gentlemen:-

I am recently in receipt of a report to the effect that the above named subject was recognized as one of the occupants of a maroon colored OLDSMOBILE sedan, Kansas license No. 23363. According to the report, which emanated from the office of the Sheriff of Yuma County, Arizona, there were five other men in the car with the man who was supposed to be Floyd.

An inquiry has gone forward this date to Mr. Victor L. King, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles at Topeka, Kansas, requesting advise as to details for 1933 and 1934 registration of this license, informant being uncertain as to whether this was 1933 or 1934 plates; a copy of this letter to Commissioner King is being forwarded to your Kansas City Office.

In connection with this case, there have been a number of rumors to the effect that this subject has been seen, at various times and at various points in this County, and I would request that you furnish me with at least four good photographs of subject.

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Very truly yours,

ED. F. COOPER, Sheriff,

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